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TO THE LORDS COMMISSIONERS OF HER MAJESTY'S TREASURY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIPS,

WE have the honour to submit our Fifty-sixth Annual Report on the several Loans, Voted, and MISCELLANEOUS services entrusted to our management, viz :—

I. LOANS:

For Public Works under Acts 1 & 2 Wm. IV., c. 33, 40 & 41 Vic., c. 27, &c., embracing among others the following separate classes of loans :—

Labourers' Dwellings in Towns Act, 1866, and Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1885.

Globe Loans.

Public Health.

River Drainage Works Act, 1863.

River Drainage Maintenance.

Lunatic Asylums Buildings

Reformatories.

Labourers' (Ireland) Act, 1883.

National School Teachers' Residences.

Dispensary Houses.

Non-Vested National Schools and Training Colleges.

Industrial Schools (Ireland) Act, 1885.

Loans for Improvement of Lands, viz :—

Drainage of Lands; Erection of Farm Houses and Buildings; Erection of Scotch Mills; Erection of Dwellings for Agricultural Labourers; Planting for Shelter.

Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881, Loans to Tenants.

For most of the purposes enumerated in the preceding service.

Landlord and Tenant Act, 1870.

Loans under Relief of Distress Acts, 1880.

II. VOTED SERVICES:

Public Buildings, Ireland, viz :—

Naval and Military; State and Official Residences; Civil Departments; Legal Departments; Metropolitan Police; Royal Irish Constabulary; Dundrum Criminal Lunatic Asylum; Science and Art Department; Public Education; Royal University and Queen's College; Revenue Departments.

Royal Parks and Gardens :—

Phoenix Park; St. Stephen's-green; The Curragh of Kildare.

Royal Harbours :—

Kingstown; Howth; Donaghadee; Dunmore; Ardglass.

Inland Navigations :—

Tyrone; Naigue; Ulster Canal.

Royal University of Ireland Buildings.

Science and Art Buildings. New Museum and Library.

Ancient Monuments Protection Act, 45 & 46 Vic., c. 73.

III. MISCELLANEOUS OR NON-VOTED SERVICES:

Arterial Drainage Works.

Arterial Drainage, Maintenance and Increased Rents, and Railway Clauses Consolidation Act.

Fishery Piers and Harbours Acts, 1846 and 1883.

Fishery Piers and Harbours Maintenance.

Arklow and Kinsale Harbours.

Clare Slob Reclamation.

Shannon Navigation.

Boyne Navigation.

Irish Reproductive Loan Fund.

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Loans—Receiver's Account.

The following is an ABSTRACT of LOANS made by the COMMISSIONERS of PUBLIC WORKS, showing the Total Advances and Repayments:

SERVICES, &c.	No. of open Loans Amount on 31st March, 1888.	Advanced on Loans within the Year.	Total Advances to 31st March, 1888.			REPAYMENTS				
			£	s.	d.	Principal.	£	s.	d.	
I. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN FUND, IRELAND, 1 & 2 Wm. IV., c. 83; 40 & 41 Vic., c. 27.—										
1. Grant James of Connaught, . . . Roads, Courthouses, &c.	43	6,881 0 0	755,021	15	5	11,523	15	3		
2. Local Boards, . . . Various Works, . . .	26	6,100 0 0	153,074	0	0	1,594	10	7		
3. Roads and Bridges, . . . For Roads, Bridges, &c.	7	—	203,077	0	4	6,303	8	10		
4. Inland Navigation, . . .	6	3,000 0 0	108,397	6	2	892	2	8		
5. Public Buildings, . . . Erection and Completion, . . .	8	15,000 0 0	70,660	0	0	651	16	8		
6. Railways, . . . In aid of Construction, . . .	30	114,500 0 0	1,439,890	10	11	15,488	16	9		
7. Quarries, Mines, and Miscellaneous, . . .	1	—	18,283	0	0	29	6	6		
8. Harbours, Docks, &c., . . . In aid of Construction, . . .	26	14,155 0 0	503,814	6	1	4,202	18	6		
9. Fishery Piers and Harbours, Act 2 Vic., c. 3, . . .	7	—	53,544	17	3	752	18	0		
10. Reclamation of Waste Lands, 1 & 2 Wm. IV., c. 35, 11. Labourers' Dwellings in Towns, Act 29 & 30 Vic., c. 44, 12. Housing of the Working Classes, 48 & 49 Vic., c. 73, 13. Artisans' Dwellings, . . . Act 38 & 39 Vic., c. 36, 14. Glebe Loans, . . . Act 33 & 34 Vic., c. 112, 15. Public Health, 37 & 38 Vic., c. 93, & 41 & 42 Vic., c. 53, 16. River Drainage and Navigation, Act 5 & 6 Vic., c. 89, 17. River Drainage Maintenance, { Act 29 & 30 Vic., c. 82, { 49, and 43 & 44 { Vic., c. 14, & 13, 18. River Drainage, . . . Act 26 & 27 Vic., c. 83, 19. FERRY WORKS LOANS, . . . 37 Geo. III., c. 34, 20. REPAIRS OF ROADS AND BRIDGES, 6 & 7 Wm. IV., c. 116, 21. LAND IMPROVEMENT PRELIMINARIES, 10 Vic., c. 32, & 15, 22. REPAIRS OF FERRY PIERS, . . . 16 & 17 Vic., c. 130, 23. MAINTENANCE OF NAVAL YARD WORKS, . . . 19 & 20 Vic., c. 62, 24. GAOLS AND PRISONS, . . . 30 Geo. III., c. 103, 25. LUNATIC ASYLUM BUILDINGS, 1 & 2 Geo. IV., c. 35, &c., 26. BUILDING SCHOOLS, . . . 63 Geo. III., c. 107, 27. RELIEF OF DISTRESS, . . . 43 Vic., c. 1, 28. SLED SCUTT, . . . 43 Vic., c. 1, 29. EMERGENCY, . . . 45 & 46 Vic., c. 47, 30. LANDWORKS ACTS, . . . 46 & 47 Vic., c. 60; &c., 31. IMPROVEMENT OF LANDS, { Act 10 Vic., c. 32, &c.:— For Drainage, Farm Buildings, Labourers' Dwellings, Planting for Shelter, Scotch Mills, &c., . . . 32. NATIONAL SCHOOLS TEACHERS' { 38 & 39 Vic., c. 82, RESIDENCES, . . . 33. DISTRESS HUTCHES, . . . 42 & 43 Vic., c. 25, 34. NON-VERSED SCHOOLS AND { 47 & 48 Vic., c. 21, TRAINING COLLEGES, . . . 35. LAND LAW, . . . 44 & 45 Vic., c. 49, & 31, Advances to Tenants for Improvement of their Holdings, 36. LAND ACT FUND, . . . Act 33 & 34 Vic., c. 46:— Advances to Tenants to purchase their Holdings, Totals Current Services, . . . " Cleared " . . . Total Consolidated Fund Loans, . . .	214	1,428	19	9	43,920	16	1	2,358	15	11
	848	62,604	0	0	747,460	18	16	12,415	0	8
	1	—	—	—	491,444	19	8	—	—	—
	1	34	0	0	133,059	3	1	24	0	0
	1	1,000	0	0	81,000	0	0	882	2	0
	9	39	1	4	14,067	10	0	1,631	10	6
	1	—	—	—	2,454	0	0	54	0	0
	1	—	—	—	892,758	6	9	15	0	0
	164	19,091	6	6	1,400,049	19	2	27,312	10	1
	2	—	—	—	10,293	5	7	15	1	10
	2	—	—	—	16,736	0	0	190	0	0
	45	—	—	—	647,563	11	10	7,010	18	5
	30	—	—	—	11,755	5	10	601	3	4
	1,020	104,439	8	5	416,842	8	5	2,392	3	7
	5,006	48,802	10	10	3,912,954	19	4	68,637	16	3
	336	14,895	0	0	75,238	0	0	988	5	8
	72	7,695	0	0	50,103	0	0	720	14	2
	31	2,616	0	0	17,866	0	0	140	10	5
	7,923	50,759	0	0	613,115	0	0	17,489	18	0
	824	300	0	0	518,716	13	0	8,899	19	10
	18,312	715,417	1	2	17,041,733	0	5	236,150	14	1
	—	—	—	—	18,073,438	0	1	—	—	—
	18,312	715,417	1	2	35,617,161	0	6	236,150	14	1
II. IRISH CHURCH FUND, Act 43 Vic., c. 4, and 43 & 44 Vic., c. 14:—										
1. Improvement of Lands, . . .	1,887	—	932,619	17	5	24,128	14	5		
2. Public Health, . . .	75	—	23,535	10	0	1,375	17	7		
3. Bazaar Works, . . .	127	—	271,188	10	10	17,068	13	0		
4. Relief of Distress, 43 & 44 Vic., c. 14, 5. Relief of Distress Grants, . . .	7	—	11,383	13	4	789	11	8		
6. Arterial Drainage, . . .	21	—	19,069	3	0	—	—	—		
	2,117	—	6,130	1	0	42	4	9		
Total Irish Church Fund Loans, . . .	2,117	—	1,268,932	16	7	43,319	1	6		
Grand Total, . . .	20,429	715,417	1	2	36,887,093	16	1	239,469	10	6

Advances and Repayments to the 31st March, 1888, the Amounts remitted, and Balances outstanding; also the within the Year.

within the Year.			Total of REPAYMENTS to 31st March, 1888.			Amounts Remitted.			BALANCES outstanding, 31st March, 1888.						
Interest.			Principal.			Interest.			Principal.			Interest.			
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
5,118	1	3	696,577	13	11	112,656	11	0	—	55,444	1	6	17	6	9
5,645	1	10	14,225	11	5	30,902	13	2	—	138,848	8	7	33	11	11
4,488	10	2	85,506	7	3	70,439	6	5	6,821	11	11	109,349	1	9	31
2,032	3	2	21,605	3	6	75,001	14	8	—	87,731	9	8	30,911	7	10
719	3	11	39,144	17	7	9,057	12	7	1,953	17	11	25,401	4	6	41
23,079	2	3	244,732	2	1	253,033	8	9	—	904,538	8	10	26,046	14	1
28	2	6	14,745	12	3	3,550	12	0	—	334	7	9	—	—	—
11,654	13	9	63,218	1	4	198,652	0	5	74,836	3	3	242,630	1	6	8,237
155	5	3	53,259	5	0	5,817	8	9	—	1,385	12	3	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	12,000	0	0	—	123,151	0	0	17,411	11	1
6,334	14	7	26,212	4	0	44,334	2	1	635	13	3	162,413	17	11	706
2,434	10	5	4,205	11	6	2,938	6	1	—	103,810	8	8	—	—	—
2,787	11	4	11,123	1	5	19,912	11	1	—	69,377	18	7	—	—	—
11,301	14	10	78,714	19	1	106,915	1	5	—	331,865	0	11	28	14	4
44,329	17	0	237,210	2	7	257,732	3	4	—	1,216,199	3	10	6,887	15	3
128	8	11	372,302	3	5	767,963	4	4	1,207,583	6	7	2,107	17	11	107
751	2	3	28,129	4	9	10,441	17	3	155	0	0	14,626	11	4	352
14,385	15	7	145,403	6	8	131,005	0	2	—	601,038	12	3	6,092	0	3
189	0	0	307,233	6	3	197,442	5	10	177,911	13	6	6,090	0	0	—
0	18	1	132,969	3	1	163	9	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	20,345	17	3	—	—	—	1,013	3	1	640	19	0	—
75	4	10	13,147	3	10	1,313	5	0	—	1,050	0	2	14	16	4
1	10	1	2,484	0	0	1	16	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	890,839	1	0	0	15	3	1,228	5	9	—	—	—	—
6,997	16	9	1,175,336	14	8	26,467	15	4	12,183	0	0	211,930	4	0	—
11	13	9	0,396	8	1	45	19	3	360	10	4	566	2	2	—
30	3	10	15,111	0	0	709	5	9	—	645	0	0	11	13	3
—	—	—	612,606	16	9	0	0	0	—	34,994	15	1	—	—	—
290	16	7	4,398	13	3	1,308	8	11	—	7,486	10	7	75	0	0
0,965	5	11	3,812	12	10	10,976	15	2	—	412,619	15	5	1,123	12	9
46,217	15	6	2,432,948	13	1	1,247,991	4	9	—	1,487,036	6	3	24,251	4	3
2,044	6	9	4,278	1	7	9,167	3	11	—	70,979	13	5	8	9	2
1,300	5	11	2,822	6	8	5,124	8	6	—	47,810	13	4	166	16	7
372	2	2	173	10	2	473	5	4	—	17,692	3	10	—	—	—
16,906	0	9	47,416	16	5	50,919	0	6	—	505,039	3	7	1,837	17	8
12,260	11	2	130,907	17	8	186,338	6	3	—	379,708	15	4	3,231	11	0
228,148	14	10	8,675,534	10	7	3,071,666	8	1	1,483,371	9	6	7,540,827	0	4	297,400
—	—	—	11,607,215	11	11	686,930	3	10	6,468,212	8	2	—	—	—	—
228,148	14	10	20,122,750	2	6	4,258,094	11	11	7,833,533	17	8	7,540,827	0	4	2,770,000
7,905	3	0	112,481	13	11	39,202	10	0	1,167	13	2	808,075	10	4	8,018
357	13	6	6,333	4	7	1,779	17	2	—	32,500	5	5	87	5	1
2,064	5	8	87,240	2	4	11,989	1	2	—	183,948	6	6	—	—	—
59	1	5	5,807	5	0	404	10	5	—	5,076	8	4	5	19	7
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19,069	3	0	—	—	—	—
16	13	1	194	2	7	81	1	5	—	5,941	13	5	15	10	11
10,402	15	8	*211,968	8	5	*53,457	0	2	20,226	16	2	1,037,237	11	0	4,095
238,651	10	6	20,324,708	10	11	4,412,093	12	1	7,073,820	15	10	8,578,564	11	4	211,034

* Repaid to Irish Land Commission.

+ £251 £s. 5d. principal charge (credited by redemption in the year). The annuity instalments, which included interest at 1 per cent., were, as equitable grounds, returned as if they included interest at 5 per cent.

I.—PUBLIC WORKS LOANS.

During the year ended 31st March, 1888, we have, with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, made 1,321 loans, together amounting to £829,766, as compared with 1,358 loans for £623,400 in the year to 31st March, 1887, showing the small diminution of 37 in number, with an increase in the money allocation of £206,366, which is entirely due to increased operations under the Labourers Acts.

The following statement shows the twenty-one different purposes to which these loans, amounting to £829,766, have been allocated.

No of Loans.	LOANS SANCTIONED 1887-8.	Amount.
		£
4	Grand Juries of Counties,	12,025
1	Local Boards (Dublin South City Market),	10,000
3	Industrial Schools,	13,000
1	Railways,	20,000
3	Harbours,	24,000
1	Reclamation of Waste Lands,	5,000
20	Labourers' Dwellings in Towns,	24,747
1	Artizans' Dwellings—clearing unhealthy areas,	3,200
43	Glebe Loans,	17,129
33	Public Health Acts,	64,778
4	River Drainage, 26 & 27 Vic. c. 88,	30,100
2	Maintenance of Drainage Works,	1,600
1	Repairs of Post Roads,	1,000
1	Land Improvement Preliminary Expenses,	2,000
7	Lanatic Asylums Buildings,	24,850
497	Labourers Acts,*	463,261
144	Land Improvement,	32,305
73	National School Teachers' Residences,	16,253
15	Dispensary Houses,	7,983
14	Non-Vested Schools and Training Colleges,	2,560
4	Land Law Act, 1881, Sec. 19, Labourers' Cottages,	390
444	Do. Sec. 31, Loans to Tenants,	56,875
1,321	* Electoral Divisions.	£829,766

The above amount includes advances to the following special purposes:—

A further loan of £10,000 to the Dublin (South) City Market Company to enable them to complete the widening of George's-street at the Aungier-street end, and to rebuild houses pulled down for this object.

An advance of £20,000 to the Cork and Muskerry Railway Company on the security of share capital of same amount, being a portion of the capital of £75,000 authorised to be raised under the Tramways and Public Companies Act of 1883, for the construction of 18½ miles to connect the city of Cork with Blarney and Coachford, and on which certain baronies in the county in the event of insufficiency in the net revenue have guaranteed to make up a dividend of 5 per cent. per annum in perpetuity. The line has been some time opened for traffic with satisfactory results.

A loan of £20,000 to the Commissioners of Limerick Harbour, to make good a breach in the sea wall of their floating dock, to be secured on the revenues of the port.

We now proceed to offer some few remarks on the various classes of loans sanctioned, in continuation of former reports.

The first on this list is the Labourers' Dwellings in Towns Act of 1866, which has been temporarily superseded by the more favourable terms granted by the Act of 1885 for the Housing of the Working Classes. Under it advances may now be made for this purpose at rates of interest varying from 3½ for a period of twenty years, to 3½ per cent. per annum if fifty years are taken for the repayment of the loan granted. But as the latter Act will expire on the 31st December, 1888—unless it should be renewed—it may not be out of place at this time to bring under notice the limited advantage which has been taken by the public of both these measures. In the nineteen years to 1885

when the Act of 1866 imposed the rate of interest at 4 per cent. per annum, a total of £189,861 was issued, or nearly, at the rate of £10,000 a year, whereas in the three years since the more favourable terms have been granted our advances amount to £107,816, being at the rate of £35,937 yearly. Although this latter average is a considerable advance on the years preceding 1885, it does not indicate any such general disposition as might have been anticipated on the part of the public to avail themselves largely of the advantageous terms on which these loans may now be obtained, which will appear from the following amount of loans applied for and sanctioned in these last three years:—

—	Applications for.	Sanctioned.
	£	£
1885-86, .	49,698	50,755
1886-87, .	195,831	79,161
1887-88, .	50,189	34,747
	£315,632	£164,663

The Glebe Loans Act, first passed in the year 1870, has been renewed from time to time—the last Act continuing its powers up to the 31st December, 1888. During the past year forty-three loans were made for £17,139, against fifty loans for £21,073 in 1886-87. Our total advances from the commencement of the Act to 31st March, 1888, amount to £410,581 to 957 borrowers in respect of sanctions amounting to £417,219 which have been taken by clergymen of the following denominations:—

		£
254	Irish Church,	121,620
461	Roman Catholic Church,	217,689
192	Presbyterian Church,	61,045
50	Wesleyan and other Churches,	16,877
957		£417,219

Under the Public Health Act thirty-five loans for various sanitary purposes, amounting to £64,778, have been authorized, as against £63,028 in the previous year. These loans are in course of being applied to the following improvement works:—

No.	—	—
		£
13	Water Works,	45,939
11	Sewerage,	4,496
5	Sewers, Roads, and Bridges,	10,450
1	Swimming Bath,	3,500
5	Municipal Buildings, &c.,	2,409
		£64,778

The advances for these purposes show an aggregate of £1,447,439, including £101,425 issued during the year.

The operations under Arterial Drainage are confined to one additional work—the Follis-town District in the County Meath, estimated to cost £1,000—and to five supplemental loans for works in progress, in all amounting to £30,100. Until some general legislation is passed altering the principle of charging these improvements directly to the occupiers instead of to the owners, we do not expect that many new schemes will be undertaken. The advances in the year amounted to £52,604, making the total advances of loans for this purpose £2,885,619, in addition to £167,487 raised on private debentures, besides which there was a free grant of £141,073, together amounting to £3,144,209.

In the other class of advances to owners for the improvement of lands by Thorough Drainage, for Farm Buildings, and other farm works, in pursuance of the Lands Improvement Acts, we have also to notice a marked decline since 1885 in the operations. In the year 1883-84 409 loans were made for £126,235; there has since been a sensible reduction in each year, ending in the past year with 144 loans for £59,805, in which, however, are included several applications from tenants who have purchased under the Land Purchase Acts of 1881 and 1885.

The total advances made under these Acts, including £923,620 advanced out of Church Fund to relieve the Distress of 1880, amounted on the 31st March, 1888, to £4,843,575, including £48,803 issued in the year.

Coming now to the 31st Section of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881, in pursuance of which advances are made to yearly tenants on the security of first-charge after rent on their holdings, we have also to record a still more marked decline in the transactions of the year. This will be better explained by the following table, detailing the operations of each year:—

—	No. of Loans.	Amount.
		£
1882-83, . . .	575	79,825
1883-84, . . .	3,437	290,055
1884-85, . . .	2,150	171,203
1885-86, . . .	1,434	107,440
1886-87, . . .	736	60,255
1887-88, . . .	444	36,573
Total, . . .	8,776	756,952

This falling off—though directly, no doubt, due to the unsettled state of the Land question—may to some extent be explained by the necessity we are under of looking carefully into the security of each case, and it may also be due to the fact that tenants who have not paid their rents, from whatever cause it may arise, find we are precluded from entertaining applications so long as they remain in arrear for more than one year. The Land Act of 1887 which enables leaseholders to break their leases and apply for a reduction of rent, ought, so far as can be judged, to give some additional impetus to this service, as under present circumstances a large number of this class of occupiers—the most desirable and substantial applicants—have practically been excluded from the advantages of the Act; but some of the few whose rents have been judiciously fixed have already obtained advances.

Out of the £736,952, amount of sanctioned loans, we have advanced £613,115, including £50,759 in the year.

The total advances to 31st March, 1888, under the three heads for the Improvement of lands both to owners and occupiers, amounted to £8,600,900.

The amounts sanctioned under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts of 1883 and 1885 have been on a much larger scale than in any former year. They provide for loans to 497 electoral divisions, amounting to £468,261, giving, with £358,007 previously authorized, a total of £821,268, which has now been allocated to this purpose, in respect of which issues to the extent of £416,842, including £194,439 paid in the year, have been made.

The other classes of loans detailed at page 8, do not require any special observations. They include:—

- 4 Loans to County Grand Juries;
- 3 for Industrial Schools;
- 2 for Maintenance of Drainage Works;
- 7 for Additions to Lunatic Asylums Buildings;
- 72 National School Teachers' Residences;
- 15 Dispensary Houses;
- 14 Non-vested Schools, &c., &c.

In connexion with this year's proceedings we beg to draw brief attention to the changes made in the financial arrangements for the issue and repayment of Public Loan moneys in pursuance of the National Debt and Local Loans Act of 1887, which constitutes a special local Loan Fund with its own separate Capital Stock bearing interest at 8 per cent. per annum, and provides that all annual votes for loan purposes

instead of, as heretofore, being a charge on the growing produce of the Consolidated Fund, shall, so far as may be found needful, whenever the total advances exceed the total Principal repayments, be met by the creation of additional local loan Stock, which is now primarily secured by the Loans for which the advances have been made.

This Fund is under the control of the Commissioners of National Debt, who issue out of it all moneys required for Loan advances, and receive weekly the amount recovered, both on account of Principal and Interest, the latter being applied by them to defray the interest on the Local Loan Debt, and to the expenses connected with the administration of the Fund. This measure which in its details is managed on the old principle—your Lordships still controlling the objects to which loan advances may be made—is found to work satisfactorily.

We have also to bring under notice the relief given by the twenty-fourth section of the Land Act of 1887 to the tenant purchasers of their farms under the Landlord and Tenant Act of 1870, who have been repaying the amount advanced by the Government at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum for 35 years (including interest at 3½ per cent.) by reducing that amount to 4 per cent., to be repayable for such extended term as may be necessary to discharge the remainder of these debts—over 800 in number—with interest at 3½ per cent. This practically extends the time for repayment to between 40 and 45 years from the dates of the advances. Few of the borrowers are, however, applying to have their term extended to the full 49 years which sub-sec. 2 of the section authorizes us to grant. This latter question still remains under consideration.

CHURCH FUND LOANS.

The advances out of the £1,500,000 authorized to be made by the Relief of Distress Acts of 1880, out of the Irish Church Funds amount to £1,269,933. The principal repayments in the year amounted to £43,319, and the interest payments to £10,403. The total repayments amount to £211,958 principal, and £53,457 in respect of interest.

ADVANCES AND REPAYMENTS.

The advances to Borrowers in the year out of moneys issued from the National Debt Commissioners were £715,417, as compared with £663,538 in 1886-87.

The total of all our loan advances since the year 1817, to 31st March, 1888, amounts to £36,887,094.

The classified abstract at pages 6 and 7, shows how this large amount has been disposed of by repayments, remissions and balances outstanding, viz. :—

	£
Total repayment,	20,354,709
Total remission,	7,973,821
Total outstanding Balance,	8,558,564
	<hr/> 36,887,094

This outstanding balance is represented, in the books of the office, by 20,429 open accounts, which are generally in course of repayment by half-yearly instalments.

The amounts received in repayment in this past year were as follows :—

	£
Principal,	229,670
Interest,	238,551
	<hr/> 538,621

of which £484,299 was paid over to the National Debt Commissioners, and £53,722 to the Irish Land Commissioners. The repayments in the year, namely, £538,621 were thus greater than those of the year preceding when they amounted to £518,159.

The arrears of principal and interest (due and not paid) which on the 31st March, 1886, were £379,865, and in March, 1887, £432,586, now amount to £486,677.

The following Abstract shows the services on which these arrears occur :—

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF LOAN ARREARS.

	31 March, 1886.	31 March, 1887.	31 March, 1888.
	£	£	£
Public Works Loans generally,	3,866	16,517	18,782
Clare Slab Redemption Loan,	8,574	11,113	17,412
Public Health Act,	7,254	8,769	9,997
Railways,	161,647	206,350	243,338
Land Charges,	77,947	88,289	95,533
Seed Supply,	61,454	41,958	34,937
Bad and Doubtful Debts,	55,853	56,580	—
Arrears written off from Local Loans Fund.	—	—	60,658
	372,645	432,566	486,577

The increase on the several classes of loans comprised under the head of "Public Works Loans" generally, from £16,517 to £18,782, is accounted for by increasing arrears on Harbour Loans, viz. :—Wicklow, £5,099, and Galway, £4,384.

The arrears on Public Health Loans increasing from £8,769 to £9,997, partly arise from the failure on the part of some Unions and Town Commissioners to strike sufficient rates, and when rates are struck the difficulty found in collecting them. Since the 31st March this sum has been reduced by recoveries amounting to £3,187.

The Railway Loans arrears show an increase, and now amount to £243,338, viz., £151,291 for principal instalments, and £92,047 for interest accrued due and not paid. It has been previously stated that except in cases where a guarantee has been obtained the payment of interest depends on the net profits of the line, and as these have shown no general improvement during the past year it is obvious that this arrear must be an increasing one till times improve. This also explains the reason of the increase of the principal arrears, which must be discharged either by the issue of a debenture capital, or by the sale of the line.

The arrears on loans advanced for the improvement and purchase of lands have been undergoing a yearly increase as shown by the following table, and now amount to £95,533.

	£		£
31st March, 1880,	13,242	31st March, 1885,	54,173
" 1881,	23,825	" 1886,	77,947
" 1882,	41,473	" 1887,	88,289
" 1883,	54,625	" 1888,	95,533
" 1884,	56,104		

OUTSTANDING BALANCES.

The outstanding balances which at the end of March, 1887, amounted to £3,163,579, have by the operations of the year just ended increased to £3,578,565, viz. :—an increase of £414,986.

The following statement shows the rates of interest chargeable on the several amounts, making the aggregate balances in each year ended 31st March, 1886, 1887, and 1888, respectively:—

	31 March, 1886.	31 March, 1887.	31 March, 1888.
	£	£	£
Free of Interest,	145,606	98,586	83,847
3 per cent.,	6,000	6,000	6,000
3½ "	12,000	24,341	404,508
5 "	80,123	258,578	368,964
3½ "	400	36,354	56,103
3½ "	3,883,032	3,978,211	3,483,526
3½ "	364,337	306,378	425,894
4 "	1,755,961	1,809,176	2,174,181
4½ "	359,637	818,198	328,001
6 "	218,508	225,663	223,774
Total Local Fund Loans,	6,578,824	7,081,861	7,560,827
Church Fund Loans— at 1 per cent.,	1,129,322	1,082,018	1,037,736
	7,706,953	8,163,879	8,598,565

The average rate chargeable on the advances out of the Local Loans Fund was £3 12s. 11d., on 31st March, 1886; £3 13s. 3d., on the 31st March, 1887; and £3 13s. 4d., on the 31st March, 1888, but the interest realized in the year did not average more than £3 4s. 5d. per cent.

ESTIMATE FOR LOANS.

We have submitted in the ordinary way our estimate of the probable requirements for the year 1888-89, on account of which £1,000,000 will, it is considered, be sufficient to discharge all possible demands.

LABOURING CLASSES' LODGINGS AND DWELLINGS ACTS.

29 & 30 Vic., c. 44, 1866, and the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1885,
48 & 49 Vic., c. 72.

Since the passing of the first Act above referred to, in 1866, to the close of the year 1884-85, a period of nineteen years, loans were made under the provisions of that and the amending Acts, amounting to £281,284, for the erection of dwellings for 3,316 families, the rate of interest charged being 4 per cent.

The more favourable terms granted by your Lordships' minute of 23rd January, 1886, as to the rate of interest on such Loans has had the effect of stimulating in some degree those desirous of providing improved dwellings for the labouring classes, and it will be observed that during the year 1886-87 twenty-four Loans were made to the amount of £79,161 for building 832 dwellings, while during the past year applications have been received for Loans amounting to £50,183 for building labourers' dwellings, of which twenty, to the amount of £34,746 10s., have been sanctioned.

The following abstract, No. 1, shows the number and amount of the Loans made each year during the periods referred to, and abstract No. 2 gives the particulars as to locality, &c., of the Loans made within the past year.

[ABSTRACT No. 1.

ABSTRACT No. I.

Year.	No. of applications mentioned.	Amount sanctioned.	No. of families to be accommodated.
1866-67, .	NIL }	£	{ NIL
1867-68, .	1 }	638 0	{ 8
1868-69, .	NIL	—	NIL
1869-70, .	1	500 0	16
1870-71, .	1	4,146 0	125
1871-72, .	2	1,650 0	46
1872-73, .	3	7,178 0	108
1873-74, .	7	22,950 0	261
1874-75, .	1	910 0	13
1875-76, .	7	24,242 0	259
1876-77, .	6	11,100 0	132
1877-78, .	8	25,614 0	272
1878-79, .	10	7,100 0	81
1879-80, .	19	31,858 0	351
1880-81, .	17	28,870 0	302
1881-82, .	17	33,474 0	453
1882-83, .	16	21,187 0	270
1883-84, .	16	40,062 0	397
1884-85, .	12	22,368 0	328
1885-86, .	20	50,755 0	718
1886-87, .	24	79,161 0	852
1887-88, .	20	54,748 10	307
Total, .	308	445,996 10	5,378

ABSTRACT No. II.

Locality.	Number of Dwellings to be built.	Amount of loan sanctioned.
		£
Ballyshannon,	1	54
Ballymena,	8	450
Belfast,	27	2,240
Cavan,	3	500
Cork,	47	4,880
Dublin,	175	12,840
Drogheda,	17	1,064
Enniskillen,	12	1,800
Galway,	11	878
Kilkenney,	53	6,500
Kinsale,	22	1,800
Portarlington,	2	150
Sligo,	5	400
Tram,	14	1,600
Total,	397	34,748

To secure that the loans sanctioned shall be applied to the erection of such dwellings as come fairly within the scope of the Acts, and are in every respect suitable to the means and requirements of the labouring classes, it is made a condition with the borrower that the rents to be charged are not to exceed certain specified sums, such rents being fixed on consideration of the locality and the class of labourers for whom accommodation is required. This arrangement has had the effect of limiting the cost of the erection of dwellings built under the loans referred to, and thus securing as far as practicable their being permanently available for occupation by the labouring classes.

GLASS LOANS.

33 & 34 Vic., c. 112; 34 & 35 Vic., c. 100; 36 & 39 Vic., c. 30; 41 Vic., c. 6;
43 & 44 Vic., c. 2; 49 Vic., c. 6.

Forty-seven applications for loans have been received during the year, amounting to £30,460, and 43 loans have been granted for £17,139. The issues for the year have

amounted to £18,828. Since the passing of the first Act, 1870, we have received 1,249 applications, of which the following is an abstract of those which have been granted, and on which issues were made to 31st March, 1888.

	Amount.	No.
	£	
Church of Ireland, . . .	121,620	254
Roman Catholics, . . .	217,652	441
Presbyterian, . . .	61,043	192
Wesleyan and other, . . .	15,877	50
	417,220	937

NATIONAL SCHOOL TEACHERS' RESIDENCES (IRELAND) ACTS.

38 & 39 Vic., c. 82; 42 & 43 Vic., c. 74.

Ninety-six applications under these Acts have been received during the year for loans, amounting to £20,591, and 72, amounting to £16,253 have been granted. Some are still under consideration. The amount issued on this service during the year has been £14,895, and from the passing of the Acts, £75,258.

DISPENSARY HOUSES (IRELAND) ACT.

42 & 43 Vic., c. 25.

The applications under this Act have been eighty-five, amounting to £56,617.

Of these sixteen were received during the year ending 31st March, 1888, for £8,833. The total amount issued has been £50,163, of which £7,695 was paid out during the present year.

LOANS FOR SCHOOLS AND TRAINING COLLEGES (IRELAND) ACT, 1884.

47 & 48 Vic., cap. 22.

Under the provisions of the above Act, which was passed in 1884, the Commissioners of Public Works may, on the recommendation of the Commissioners of National Education and with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, on being satisfied as to the sufficiency of the security, make loans for the purpose of assisting any person in the erection, enlargement, structural improvement, or purchase of a house to be used as a non-vested National school or training college, or in the improvement of any existing non-vested National school or training college, or in the acquisition or improvement of a farm not exceeding twenty-five acres in extent connected with a non-vested National school or training college, to be used for the purpose of agricultural instruction, or for the purpose of discharging any debt due and incurred before the 19th day of May, 1884, in the erection, enlargement, structural improvement, or purchase of a house to be used as a training college, and loans made for any of the foregoing purposes are repayable by an annual rentcharge of five per cent. in thirty-five years. The provisions of the Act have not been availed of to the extent anticipated, only twelve applications having been received during the past year for loans amounting to £3,530.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES ACTS. (40 & 41 Vic., ss. 15 & 54.)

No application has been received for an advance under these Acts.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS (IRELAND) ACT, 1885. (48 Vic., c. 19.)

No application has been received for an advance under this Act.

REFORMATORY INSTITUTIONS (IRELAND) ACT, 1881.

No application has been received for an advance under this Act.

LAND IMPROVEMENT.

In reporting on this service we commence by giving, as usual, the number of applications for loans and the amounts issued in each year from the commencement in 1847 to the end of the financial year, 31st March, 1888:—

—	No. of Applications.	Amounts Issued.	—	No. of Applications.	Amounts Issued.
1847, June to Dec. (inclusive).	1,354	472,799	1888-89,	170	£54,973
1848,	571	356,180	1889-90,	166	88,770
1849,	643	378,826	1890-91,	159	77,980
1850,	438	250,234	1891-92,	160	82,555
1851,	289	146,653	1892-93,	223	76,290
1852,	164	88,542	1893-94,	224	80,672
1853,	154	55,454	1894-95,	245	102,000
1854,	123	49,293	1895-96,	265	98,730
1855,	98	30,180	1896-97,	218	121,496
1856,	106	32,510	1897-98,	278	121,340
1857,	114	51,674	1898-99,	319	153,370
1858,	112	35,621	1899-80, { Relief, 2,144 } 2,807	224,810	
1859,	111	29,234	{ Ordinary, 463 }		
1860,	135	30,502	1880-81,	688	786,639
1861,	154	50,426	1881-82,	401	298,883
1862,	154	61,375	1882-83,	451	138,636
1863,	138	68,830	1883-84,	503	123,082
1864,	132	68,430	1884-85,	395	117,480
1865,	90	46,215	1885-86,	258	79,678
1866,	96	26,246	1886-87,	219	59,182
1867,	145	36,180	1887-88,	161	54,752

It will be observed that there is a falling off both in numbers and amounts. There can be no doubt that the steady decline is due to the change in the relations between landlords and tenants. Land owners will not now apply for advances except for work on lands in their own occupation, while in former years the great majority of the loans under this service were taken by landlords for the improvement of lands in the hands of tenants. It should also be stated that in many cases where land owners have applied for loans the Board have declined to entertain the applications until the rentcharges due on former advances were fully paid up; and this has operated as a check. The loans sanctioned under this service during the past year are mostly to persons who have acquired ownership by purchasing under the Purchase of Land Act, 1885, (Lord Ashbourne's Act), and we are of opinion that an extension of operations under that statute would be followed by an increase of applications for Land Improvement loans.

The loans under which works have been commenced within the past year are classified under the following heads:—

Class of Work.	No. of Loans.	Amount Sanctioned.	Average of each Loan.
Drainage and other Land Works,	39	£ 14,170	£ 363
Farm Buildings,	55	15,665	285
Labourers' Cottages,	18	5,470	304
Mixed Loans—including Buildings and Land Works,	9	2,195	244
Totals,	121	37,505	—
General Average per Loan,	—	—	310

* Includes loans under Relief of Distress Act.

† Includes loans under Section 19, Land Law Act.

There were 181 applications for loans during the past financial year, and of these 98 have been sanctioned; but 41 loans previously applied for were also approved within that time, making a total of 139 amounting to £37,165. There were therefore 83 which did not arrive at the stage of sanction for the following reasons:—

Cause of Delay or Rejection.	No. of Cases.
Failed to show Title,	90
Stopped owing to default in expending previous Loans, or in paying Rentcharge,	2
Failed to supply Plans, &c.,	2
Transferred to Land Law Division,	8
Withdrawn,	9
Under consideration,	30
Refused,	3
Total number of Applications not come to maturity,	83

The following table gives the number of loans and the sums issued in the several counties in Ireland up to the 31st March, 1888:—

SCHEDULE showing the NUMBER of LOANS and AMOUNTS ISSUED from commencement of Act.

Name of County.	No. of Loans.	Amounts issued.	Total No. of Loans.	Total Amount issued.
NORTHERN DIVISION.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Antrim,	100	120,498 0 0	1,270	718,949 0 0
Londonderry,	160	68,438 0 0		
Donegal,	284	125,491 0 0		
Fermanagh,	149	79,619 0 0		
Tyrone,	286	141,849 0 0		
Armagh,	64	21,108 0 0		
Dawa,	126	91,764 0 0		
MIDLAND AND EASTERN.			3,168	1,417,100 0 0
Cavan,	177	53,075 0 0	3,168	1,417,100 0 0
Monaghan,	94	42,696 0 0		
Longford,	310	176,631 0 0		
Louth,	81	36,299 0 0		
Meath,	333	191,130 0 0		
Westmeath,	256	92,070 0 0		
Dublin,	232	41,197 0 0		
Kildare,	263	132,799 0 0		
King's,	197	38,278 0 0		
Queen's,	306	148,124 0 0		
Wicklow,	221	116,466 0 0		
Carlow,	206	104,734 0 0		
Kilkenny,	169	53,743 0 0		
Wexford,	271	120,100 0 0		
WESTERN.			2,606	1,206,556 0 0
Sligo,	283	134,727 0 0	2,606	1,206,556 0 0
Letterkenny,	194	74,035 0 0		
Mayo,	480	232,465 0 0		
Roscommon,	482	234,388 0 0		
Galway,	742	370,973 0 0		
Clare,	448	165,068 0 0		
SOUTHERN.			3,361	1,506,920 0 0
Limerick,	744	369,121 0 0	3,361	1,506,920 0 0
Tipperary,	524	197,077 0 0		
Waterford,	144	64,985 0 0		
Cork,	1,238	413,253 0 0		
Derry,	711	463,484 0 0		
Totals,			10,405	4,543,625 0 0

MAIN AND THOROUGH DRAINAGE.

The number of loans sanctioned for works, of which thorough drainage forms the principal part, since the commencement in 1847 to the 31st March in this year, is 8,090, for £3,668,437, and of this number 37 loans for £12,495 were approved during the year ending 31st March, 1888.

PLANTING FOR SHELTER.

Since the passing of the Act 29 and 30 Vic., c. 40, 101 loans for £21,470 have been made, and of that number, 6, for £1,515, were sanctioned during the year now reported on.

FARM BUILDINGS.

For this class of work 2,365 loans have been sanctioned since the passing of the Act 13 & 14 Vic., c. 19, the amount being £1,047,595. This includes 71 loans, for £17,210, approved during the past financial year.

DWELLINGS FOR AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS.

The number of loans granted for this class of work since the passing of the Act 23 Vic., c. 19, is 651, for £322,640; of this number 19, for £6,555, were approved since our last Report.

LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1881.—LOANS TO TENANTS.

Sections 19 and 31.

The above quoted Sections are those under which the Board have power to advance money for improvement of tenants' holdings. Under the former the total number of loans sanctioned up to the 31st March, 1888, is 245, for £14,001, and of this total instalments amounting to £12,696 have been issued to borrowers, who, pursuant to the orders of the Land Commission, have proceeded to erect dwellings for labourers on their farms. The total number of loans granted under Section 31 up to the 31st March, 1888, was 8,790, the amount issued being £613,115. Of this sum £50,759 was issued during the past financial year. The number of applications for loans lodged during the year 1887-8 was 668, which shows a decrease of 243 as compared with the previous year. It can, however, be accounted for by the arrears of cases in the Land Courts, where a large number of applications for the fixing of judicial rents is still pending.

Another cause which it is thought may in some degree have contributed to retard applications for improvement loans by tenants is that in many large estates negotiations are in progress for the sale to the occupiers of their respective holdings; for if the tenants succeed in acquiring the ownership of their farms they can borrow as owners under the Land Improvement Act, 10 Vic., c. 32, obtaining for certain classes of work more advantageous terms as regards repayment than could be extended to them as tenant-borrowers under the 31st section of the Land Law Act, 1881. In addition to the foregoing, it may be observed that very few of the leaseholders dealt with by the 1st section of the Land Law Act, 1887, have as yet acquired the legal right to apply for loans, although no less than 23,000 had applied to have their leases broken before the close of the year ending 31st March last, out of a total of this class of over 135,000. When all the retarding causes now in operation have ceased to exist it may be expected that an impetus will again be given towards increasing this class of loans.

The following table gives the distribution by Counties of the same issued :

SCHEDULE showing the NUMBER of LOANS SANCTIONED and AMOUNTS ISSUED up to the 31st MARCH, 1888.

PROVINCE AND COUNTY.	Number of Loans Sanctioned.			Amounts Sanctioned.			Total Issues.		
	To 31st Mar., 1887.	Year ending 31st Mar., 1888.	Total Number.	To 31st Mar., 1887.	Year ending 31st Mar., 1888.	Total Sanctioned.	To 31st Mar., 1887.	Year ending 31st Mar., 1888.	Total Issues.
LOANES:				£	£	£	£	£	£
Carlow,	44	3	47	6,570	175	6,745	4,176	155	4,331
Dublin,	38	8	46	6,880	908	7,788	4,739	1,497	6,236
Kildare,	89	5	94	14,760	580	15,340	11,839	644	12,483
Kilkenny,	70	8	78	7,035	875	7,910	5,096	706	5,802
King's,	150	10	160	13,545	755	14,310	10,393	1,128	11,521
Longford,	238	9	247	20,940	645	21,585	17,656	831	18,487
Louth,	22	5	27	3,545	345	3,890	2,947	545	3,492
Meath,	68	19	87	13,515	1,890	15,405	11,360	1,552	12,912
Queen's,	55	6	61	4,510	445	4,955	4,581	579	5,160
Westmeath,	171	12	183	18,595	1,370	19,965	14,082	1,405	15,487
Wexford,	60	9	69	6,250	940	7,190	4,949	1,030	5,979
Wicklow,	51	10	61	5,860	1,340	7,200	4,628	793	5,421
Totals,	1,059	97	1,156	123,703	9,565	133,270	95,507	10,655	106,462
MUNICIPAL:									
Clare,	562	24	586	44,430	1,735	46,165	37,488	5,534	42,922
Cork,	1,427	85	1,512	128,500	7,530	136,030	100,705	8,888	109,593
Kerry,	581	24	605	45,105	1,700	46,805	32,377	5,949	38,326
Limerick,	398	17	415	32,000	1,400	33,400	20,739	2,515	23,254
Tipperary,	200	40	240	24,190	3,710	27,900	18,491	3,686	22,177
Waterford,	35	4	39	4,400	500	4,900	3,011	184	3,195
Totals,	3,253	194	3,447	272,375	16,635	289,010	222,811	21,656	244,467
UNION:									
Astrim,	59	3	62	5,530	225	5,755	3,713	115	3,828
Armagh,	68	2	70	4,420	110	4,530	3,290	204	3,494
Qnana,	539	22	561	36,310	1,340	37,650	29,521	2,436	31,957
Donegal,	191	18	209	14,202	1,060	15,262	11,813	1,425	13,238
Dowry,	37	6	43	4,015	400	4,415	3,880	128	4,008
Fermanagh,	106	8	114	7,445	525	7,970	5,469	743	6,212
Londonderry,	78	7	85	5,545	755	6,300	4,543	721	5,264
Monaghan,	56	3	59	4,485	170	4,655	2,416	81	2,497
Tyrone,	192	8	200	15,170	780	15,950	11,563	649	12,212
Totals,	1,326	77	1,403	95,192	6,385	101,577	77,869	6,892	84,481
CONTRACTS:									
Galway,	495	26	521	40,685	1,740	42,425	33,444	3,218	36,663
Lestrin,	553	16	569	33,240	845	34,085	28,362	2,014	30,376
Mayo,	904	12	916	68,865	700	69,565	56,557	2,128	58,685
Reconstruction,	382	11	393	39,525	950	40,475	28,101	2,343	30,444
Sligo,	384	11	395	26,915	665	27,580	21,895	1,954	23,849
Totals,	2,708	76	2,784	199,230	4,890	204,120	166,649	11,656	177,705
Grand Totals,	8,346	444	8,790	701,042	36,675	737,617	562,556	50,759	613,315

We also beg to submit a statement classifying the loans in which works have been completed under the different descriptions of work, to the 31st March, 1888 :—

Description of Works.	Amounts Issued.		
	From passing of Act to 31st March, 1887.	For year ending 31st March, 1888.	Total from passing of Act to 31st March, 1888.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Drainage, Fencing, Farm Roads, and other Land Works,	228,048 11 8	67,965 16 10	296,014 8 6
Farm Houses and Offices,	197,115 18 10	38,471 2 5	235,587 1 3
Labourers' Cottages, 19th section,	8,787 10 10	354 0 0	9,141 10 10
Labourers' Cottages, 31st section,	5,319 13 8	1,170 2 6	6,489 16 2
Scotch Mills for Flax,	191 17 3	71 0 0	262 17 3
Totals,	434,404 12 3	108,603 1 9	543,007 14 0

The number of loans in which the amounts sanctioned have been expended, and the works certified as completed is 6,692, and those in which the works were still in progress on the 31st March, 1888, were 1,480.

IL.—VOTED SERVICES.

Under this second head of our duties, comprising those services which are created by, or maintained from, annual votes of Parliament, the accounts detailed in the Appendix A record the following expenditures on each to 31st March, 1888, and the second column shows the expenditure on the same votes for the preceding year 1886-87.

	1887-88.	1886-87.
Class I.	£	£
Public Buildings, Ireland,	304,378	311,693
Royal University, Ireland,	2,319	17,801
Science and Art Buildings, Dublin,	41,979	24,872
Class II.		
Public Works Office,	45,914	49,388
	294,596	303,553

Showing the total charge against the Consolidated Fund for the year to be £294,596. But as from these services we have derived rents, tolls, fees, &c., amounting to £10,733, of which the sum of £10,155 has been paid or will be paid over to Her Majesty's Exchequer in aid of Revenue—the net charge amounts to £284,435.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

General Observations.

The maintenance of the several buildings in the Board's charge, together with such minor alterations and supplies of furniture and fittings as were necessary, have been duly attended to, and the authorized allowances of Fuel and Light provided.

The following new works and important alterations have been carried out during the year:—

Royal Hibernian Military School.—The works necessary to enclose portion of the farm for the purpose of a playground have been completed.

Coast Guard Stations.—The new stations at Ballyness and Innisboffin, co. Donegal, and Enniscross, co. Sligo, have been completed, and considerable progress has been made with that at Malroy, co. Donegal.

Royal Irish Constabulary.—The new Barracks at Galway have been completed, and also the adaptation of new premises for barracks at Cavan and Kilbeggan. The improvement of Carlow Barrack is in a forward state.

National Education.—The great increase in the amount of grants reported last year has continued. The following Schedule shows the amounts for the last six years, and for less than nine months of the year 1887-8. At the close of the year the Commissioners of National Education having made grants for the full amount voted for the service were obliged to suspend the making of further grants until funds were available.

	£	s.	d.
1881-82,	10,247	19	6
1882-83,	9,804	0	6
1883-84,	17,487	14	10
1884-85,	22,911	17	6
1885-86,	29,125	8	5
1886-87,	47,994	19	0
1887-88, in 9 months,	40,027	14	8

During the past year the Commissioners of National Education have notified grants in aid of building 117 new schools, and of structural alterations and improvements at 68 others. A considerable amount of work for which grants were made in former years, has also been carried out.

One grant has been made for building a teacher's residence in connexion with vested schools, but since loans have been sanctioned for the erection of such residences, but few applications have been received for grants, which are limited to one-half of the cost, and not in any case exceeding £100.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT—CUSTOMS.

The works consequent on the redistribution of the offices in the Belfast Custom House, arising from the transfer of the Post Office from that building to the new offices specially erected for that department, are approaching completion.

POST OFFICES.

The additions to the General Post Office, Dublin, have been completed, and progress has been made with the Telegraph Store ground. The new office at Tralee has been completed.

DEPOSITORIES FOR PAROCHIAL RECORDS.

Act 39 & 40 Vic., c. 58.

Under the provisions of this Act, inspections of proposed Repositories have been made in eleven cases, and reports thereon forwarded to the Deputy Keeper of Records.

PARKS AND GARDENS.

The Phoenix Park.—The several buildings, roads, plantations, &c., have been satisfactorily maintained, and the People's Garden continues to be highly appreciated by the public as a place of recreation.

St. Stephen's-green Park has been maintained in good order, and is frequented by a large and increasing number of visitors of all ages and classes.

The Curragh of Kildare.—The official residence of the Deputy Ranger of the Curragh has been maintained in an efficient state.

NEW MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND ART AND NATIONAL LIBRARY BUILDING.

The erection of these buildings is proceeding rapidly and satisfactorily. The entire of the Museum Building has been covered in, and the works in connection with the internal portions of the structure are now in progress. It is anticipated that the main building will be completed before the 1st December next, and the portion of the Annexe on which the furnaces for the heating appliances are to be placed before the close of the financial year.

The National Library Building is also progressing satisfactorily, and will be covered in before the winter.

ROYAL HARBOUR.

KINGSTOWN, COUNTY DUBLIN.

The works at this Harbour have been maintained in good order during the year. Dredging has been carried on between the Victoria Wharf and Mail Packet Pier, and inside of the Traders' Wharf. The old quarry has been filled, and the dredged material is now being put on the sea side of the east pier. A quantity of 10,475 tons of silt has been dredged during the year.

Water has been supplied to Her Majesty's ships, the vessels of the Irish Lights Board, and trading vessels, and a quantity of 1,805 tons of ballast supplied to the latter.

KINGSTOWN HARBOUR—SUMMARY OF RAINFALL AND TIDAL OBSERVATIONS.

Month.	RAIN.				TIDE.					
	Fall in inches during month.	Maximum in St. James.		Number of days on which rain fell.	Maximum at High Water.			Maximum at Low Water.		
		Date.	Fall in inches.		Date.	Height.	Wind.	Date.	Height.	Wind.
1887.										
April, . . .	98	6	25	10	25	12 10	S.W.	7	6 10	N.E.
May, . . .	91	50	37	5	4	12 8	S.E.	7	1 3	S.W.
June, . . .	20	24	19	3	5	12 3	S.	20	10 4	E.
July, . . .	45	10	17	5	20	11 6	N.E.	24	10 3	S.W.
August, . . .	290	28	150	9	22	12 0	S.W.	23	10 4	S.E.
September, . . .	125	2	38	12	15	12 0	N.E.	21	1 6	N.W.
October, . . .	245	27	122	9	10	12 3	N.W.	18	1 6	S.W.
November, . . .	328	6	69	17	5	13 3	S.W.	16	zero.	S.W.
December, . . .	124	6	43	17	13	13 4	W.	19	1 3	N.W.
1888.										
January, . . .	106	4	42	6	4	12 10	S.W.	13	0 3	S.W.
February, . . .	54	25	22	7	11	12 0	W.	28	1 4	S.E.
March, . . .	381	11	150	10	28	12 6	E.	29	0 6	N.W.
	1905		777	116						

The following is a return of the vessels that have used the harbour during the past four years:—

	1883-1884.		1884-1885.		1885-1887.		1887-1888.	
	Number.	Tonnage.	Number.	Tonnage.	Number.	Tonnage.	Number.	Tonnage.
Trading Vessels, . .	670	72,277	687	77,417	652	69,050	551	81,948
Yachts,	43	2,851	96	7,378	54	4,854	62	5,678
Trawlers and Fishing Vessels,	40	3,000	1,618	66,770	863	34,898	40	—
Steam Vessels, . . .	64	13,334	84	19,002	70	13,753	82	23,156
Yachts,	25	6,921	48	13,837	38	7,920	23	6,854
Belonging to Port, Yachts, Pilots, &c., .	20	400	23	400	76	220	22	—

FOREIGN TRADE.

Sailing Vessels, . .	29	14,198	28	25,584	31	22,893	17	15,772
Steam Vessels, . . .	11	4,459	2	204	10	6,423	4	2,165
Men-of-War and Troop-ships, Store Ships, and H.M.'s Yachts, .	13	—	26	—	—	—	22	57,344

HOWTH HARBOUR.—COUNTY DUBLIN.

The works have been maintained in good order and condition. A concrete footing course has been formed round the curved portion of the slope near the eastern pier head, round which a much smaller quantity of boulders and shingle has been carried than in former years, the travel of which almost entirely ceased during the winter months owing to the prevalence of westerly winds. The berths on the inner side of the east pier have been improved. The stone posts and chains on the west pier have been removed, and the timber mooring posts have been replaced by cast-iron bollards. Provision has been made in the estimate submitted to your Lordships, to cover the expense of deepening the entrance by dredging, during the coming year.

The number of boats engaged fishing during this year was 223—Scotch 78, Irish 114, Cornish 18, Manx 13.

8,777 mease of herrings were sold at an average price of 17s. 1d. Of coal, salt, bricks, and slates, 3,380; 138, 9, and 120 tons, respectively, were imported, and 3,230 barrels of fish exported.

DUNMORE HARBOUR.—COUNTY WATERFORD.

The toe of the sea slope has been protected by a quantity of 1,000 cubic yards of rubble stone. A new bollard has been set at pier head, and the roads and wharves kept in good order. The storm of the 1st November, 1887, displaced the waggon road on parapet, and destroyed a wooden shed, both of which have since been replaced. The Harbour Master reports as follows:—

Within the past year we had 74 large cutters trawling in the deep off here, during the summer months the catches were small, but throughout the remainder of the year they were more successful, the takes of head fish such as turbot, sole, brel, and doree, were above the average of former years.

The open decked boats trawling within the headlands of Waterford Harbour have done very little—fishing inside the headlands has fallen off of late years.

A great improvement in the herring fishing owing to the increase in the number of boats is to be reported, large takes of prime herrings especially during the months of August and September were made, but prices were low.

The quantity of herrings sold during the year was 38,798 mease, which realized the sum of £15,488 6s. 7d.

The lobster fishermen that ply their calling off these coasts did remarkably well; it was the best fishing season they had for some years. Lobsters, average price per dozen, 9s.; crabs, 2s. 6d.

The number of boats and other crafts employed during the past year was as follows:—

Trawl Boats.—English 1, Welsh 16, Irish 66.

Herring Boats.—Cornish 12, Scotch 23, Isle of Man 25, Irish 168.

Lobster Boats.—Irish 10.

Vessels employed in the carriage of herrings.—Steamers 13, schooners 2, smacks 5.

Imports.—Coal 1,333 tons, salt 832 tons, bricks 101 tons, flour 1 ton.

Exports.—Coal 10 tons, iron 17 tons.

DONAGHADRE HARBOUR.—COUNTY DOWN.

The sea slopes of this harbour require constant attention, and the repairs are executed by a gang of ten labourers and a ganger. The storm of 1st November last, which blew from E. to S.E., occasioned some damage, but no actual breach was made. The works have been maintained in good order during the year. The Harbour Master reports as follows:—

"Trade at this port seems to be steady, the only addition being a few extra cargoes of timber (native timber) exported to England and Scotland. Very few fishing boats call here except for shelter when on a passage during the fishing season, only eight boats called with herrings during the past year, having in all 109 mence, and sold them at from 7s. 6d. to 13s. per mence to the small traders of the town. Of coal, maize, salt, and stones 17,782—255, 93, and 51 tons, respectively, were imported, and timber was exported to the extent of 1,357 tons."

ARDGLASS HARBOUR.—COUNTY DOWD.

The new pier which is composed of concrete blocks was built on the site of Rennie's work, which was founded on a mass of *piérras perdues*. During the execution of the works, and since then considerable damage was done by the shifting of this rubble, caused by the sea re-acting upon it, after the new storm-wall was completed. This has become less year by year, and notwithstanding the violent storm of November last the damage done was comparatively little.

A cast-iron light tower containing a catadioptric light of the fifth order has been erected, and was lighted for the first time on the 1st June last. It has been handed over to the Board of Irish Lights.

A substantial watch-house has also been built.

The herring fishery commenced on the 3rd June, and continued to the 21st of October. The quantity captured was 16,000 mence, which was an increase of about 3,000 on the last season, the price varied from 31s. to 5s. 6d. per mence, the average being about 15s. 6d.

The supply was much under the demand, as no less than five steamers were in the harbour at the same time, all wanting fish for the Scotch and English markets, which they could not obtain.

The following are returns of vessels using the harbour—from South of England, 8; from Scotland, 69; from Ireland, 125; from Isle of Man, 73. Of coal and salt 1,624 and 95 tons, respectively, were imported; and the commodities exported were potatoes, 840 tons; oats, 20 tons; herrings, 2,504 boxes, and 570 mence.

SHANNON DRAINAGE WORKS.

On the 5th September we received a letter intimating your Lordship's intention to allocate a sum of money to the drainage of the Shannon at Killaloe and Lough Allen, and requesting that arrangements should be made so that no delay should take place in commencing the works as soon as the money was voted by the House of Commons.

We received your Lordship's authority to proceed with the works on the 24th September, 1887, and, plant and tools having been procured, they were commenced both at Killaloe and Lough Allen, on the 17th October following. From that time to the end of the financial year a quantity of about 28,000 cubic yards of rock and clay has been executed at Killaloe, and 56,000 cubic yards at Lough Allen. The works so far as they have gone have been carried out within the lines of Mr. Bateman's Report, dated 7th June, 1887, but while keeping within the limits of that gentleman's scheme some modifications may be made with advantage, by which their cost will be lessened and their efficiency increased.

ISLAND NAVIGATIONS.

ULSTER CANAL.

The works of repair carried out during the financial year were of the usual character, and consisted in repairing the canal banks, locks and lock gates, fences, bridges, sluices, retaining walls, &c., and of clearing the canal of weeds. A new deep gate was fixed at No. 2 lock, another at No. 6 lock, and a new breast gate at No. 26 lock.

TYRONE NAVIGATION.

These works have been kept in good order during the year.

RIVER MAIGUE NAVIGATION.

The swivel bridge and wharf were maintained in good order. The harbour is silting up, and will require to be dredged during the present year.

ROYAL UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS.

The contract for the additions and structural alterations of the existing buildings was entered into on the 21st August, 1884. In the existing buildings provision is made for the official business of the University, the keeping of its records, the meeting of Senate and Convocation, Library and Museum, Rooms for Examiners, Waiting, Retiring, and Refreshment Rooms for Male and Female Candidates, and eight Examination Halls, accommodating from 20 to 200 students each.

The additions consist of Halls for Technical examinations in Chemistry, Physics, Physiology, Anatomy, and Biology.

The several building works have been completed, and the fittings for the several Departments have been provided.

ANCIENT MONUMENTS PROTECTION ACT, 1882.

45 & 46 Vic., cap. 73.

The necessary steps have been taken for the preservation and protection of all Monuments included in the schedule attached to the above Act which the owners agreed to hand over to the guardianship of the Commissioners.

During the past year the works at Glen Maulin in the County Donegal have been completed; and repairs have been executed at Dowth, in the County Meath, and Drumloghan, in the County Waterford.

Careful examinations have been made of the Monuments at "*Giant's ring*," near Ballylesson, in the County Down; "*Greenmount*," in the County Kerry; "*Ballyva*," in the County Mayo; "*Tara*" and "*Wardstown*," in the County Meath, and "*Heaps-town*," in the County Sligo, but it has not been found necessary to execute any works in connection with them, and nothing further than periodical inspections will be required with a view to their preservation.

At Carrowmore, an ancient burial-ground of considerable extent in the County Sligo, examinations are now being made preparatory to the execution of such works as may be found necessary for its protection.

The owners of the following monuments included in the schedule attached to the Act have declined to hand them over to the guardianship of the Commissioners:—"*Grianan of Aileach*," in the County Donegal; "*Dunkeltair*," in the County Down; "*Staique Fort*," in the County Kerry; "*Mogtura*," in the County Mayo; "*New Grange*" and "*Knewth*," in the County Meath.

The owners of some of these monuments have taken the necessary steps for their protection, and no further action is required for their preservation. In one case, that of *Staique Fort*, the Commissioners, though most anxious to secure this most interesting structure from ruin, have been unable to make such arrangements with the owner as to its transfer as they could recommend for the approval of your Lordships.

All practicable steps necessary for the protection of the monuments included in the schedule to the Act having now been taken, investigations are in progress as to other works of a similar character, and inquiries are being made to ascertain if the owners of those which may be selected as of greatest interest are prepared to transfer them to the guardianship of the Commissioners on terms which they can recommend for favourable consideration.

III.—MISCELLANEOUS OR NON-VOTED SERVICES.

This last division of our duties comprises a variety of services placed under our control or management in pursuance of several Acts of Parliament.

Though numerous, some of them are of only casual occurrence, and therefore do not form the subject of any special remarks.

Those on which special reports follow are arterial drainage works, where, except in the matter of occasional maintenance, our functions, in addition to making loan advances, are confined to advice to Drainage Trustees and Boards, in making awards for completed works, to distribute the proper proportion of charges among the proprietors of land in each district, and, when called upon to do so, to increase the rents of tenants in respect of these improvements.

We are charged with a variety of duties in connexion with fishery piers and harbours which are constructed by Government grants and contributions from counties, and other locally interested in these works. This duty is not confined to new works, but to the very numerous piers which have been constructed from time to time by Government aid since the year 1820, and which, although invested in counties, frequently require the direct interference of Government, either in the matter of repairs or otherwise.

The operations on the service, as the report shows, were largely increased by the grant made by Parliament of £250,000, out of the Irish Church Funds under the provisions of the Sea Fisheries (Ireland) Act, 1883.

The extensive loan operations lead sometimes to the necessity of our taking over and completing works which have been commenced by borrowers, who have failed in their execution.

The administration of the Shannon and other navigations in Ireland, whether maintained from their own funds, as in the case of the Shannon, or partly by votes of Parliament, involve considerable care and attention.

The next class of duties embraced in this division is the administration of two special loan funds, one the Irish Reproductive Loan Fund, including ten distinct funds, applicable to the counties named hereafter in this Report. The funds of the eight maritime counties are applied to the purpose of loans to aid fishermen in buying boats, gear, nets, or in creating oyster beds; and in the case of two inland counties, Roscommon and Tipperary, to works of general utility by any Town Commissioners in these counties.

The Sea and Coast Fisheries Fund, which was handed over to us, in pursuance of an Act passed in 1884, is applicable for Fishery Loans in all the maritime counties of Ireland, a preference being given to those counties which are not in possession of any assignment under the Irish Reproductive Loan Fund.

Another important branch of this division is the care and preservation of 137 National ecclesiastical structures which have been vested in us from time to time, and are maintained out of a grant of £50,000 allocated for the purpose from the Irish Church Fund in pursuance of the Irish Church Act, 1869.

Certain duties in connexion with the Grand Jury system of Ireland still devolves on us, the principal of which are the occasional repair of Post Roads, the examination of County Surveyors' Assistants, the building of bridges between counties, and other miscellaneous duties.

The Report also shows that we are charged with certain duties in connexion with Limited Owners' Residences, Arbitrations under the Railways Acts, and in aiding the Local Government Board with certain financial duties connected with Emigration, Relief of Distress, and also carrying out the duties of the Board of Control of Llanatio Asylums.

A report of the proceedings taken by us in connexion with the Tramways and Light Railways of Ireland, both under former Acts and under the Tramways and Public Companies Act of 1883, is also appended.

The receipts and expenditure incurred under the Miscellaneous Services are detailed in the Appendix A 5, A 6, and A 7, and amount to £139,537 and £142,940 respectively, as against £221,869 and £217,871, in the year to 31st March, 1887.

DRAINAGE AND IMPROVEMENT OF LANDS (IRELAND) ACT, 1863, AND AMENDMENTS;
26 & 27 Vic., c. 83; 27 & 28 Vic., c. 72; 28 & 29 Vic., c. 52; 32 & 33 Vic., c. 72;
35 & 36 Vic., c. 31; 37 & 38 Vic., c. 32; 41 & 42 Vic., c. 59; and 43 & 44 Vic.,
c. 27.

The total number of applications received from the passing of the first of these Acts in the year 1863 to the 31st of March, 1888, is ninety-three, including three received during the year 1886-87; viz.:

The Ballycolliton, county Tipperary—The Killard River, county Cork—The Tramore River, county Cork.

The preliminary inquiries have been instituted in these cases, and measures will be taken to have the Provisional Orders constituting the two first-named districts confirmed by Act of Parliament this Session.

The works have been in progress in the following districts:—

River Suck, counties Galway and Roscommon; Lough and River Erne, Drainage and Navigation, counties of Fermanagh, Cavan, Monaghan and Donegal; Milford, county Cork; Owenroe and Moynalty, county Meath; Nanny River, county Meath; Upper Nanny River, County Meath; Cashen River, County Kerry; Upper Morning Star, county Limerick; Ballyteigue and Kilmore, county Wexford; and Glasheen River county Cork; and in the following case the final award has been made—Milford District, county Cork.

No loan has been applied for in the case of the Cahermore District, in the county of Cork, for which the Provisional Order Confirmation Act was obtained on the 2nd April, 1882, and the powers under it have now expired.

A schedule of the final awards made under these Acts will be found in the Appendix.

The total area of land drained or improved in the forty-two districts in which final awards have been made, is 79,544 statute acres, and the total cost chargeable thereto amounts to £529,457. This has been in addition to the works of the 121 districts, carried out under the Act 5 & 6 Vic., c. 89, and the Acts amending it, between the years 1843 and 1860, on which an expenditure of £3,390,612 was incurred, of which £70,201 was for works chargeable on counties; £141,073 a free grant; £1,206,312 remitted; and £1,043,227 made repayable by annuity or otherwise, by which 266,736 acres were drained or improved.

INCREASED RENTS IN RESPECT OF DRAINAGE CHARGES.

During the past year 5 applications were received from Proprietors for increased rents to be paid by the tenants in respect of lands improved by drainage, embracing 20 holdings; 15 being tenants from year to year, and 5 leaseholders; and meetings have been held by us to determine the amounts.

DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE.

29 & 30 Vic., cap. 49.

Two cases of maintenance have been undertaken during the present year, one, that of the Keenagh district in the county of Longford where the works have been completed at a cost of £936 6s. 8d.; the other, Doohyle, in the County of Limerick, where the maintenance works are being carried on.

RAILWAY CLAUSES CONSOLIDATION ACT.

8th Vic., c. 20, Sec. 25.

In the Schull and Skibbereen Tramway the Company having at length complied with the requirements of the Act, the certificate of dimensions of culverts and waterways has been issued.

FISHERY PIERS AND HARBOURS MAINTENANCE.

Under 16 & 17 Vic., c. 136.

We have not been called upon to carry out any operations under this head during the past year.

SEA FISHERIES (IRELAND) ACT, 1883.

The total expenditure on this service for works to the end of the past year amounts to a sum of £214,320, viz. :—£159,095 as reported at the end of the year 1886-87, and £55,225 for the year ending 31st March last. This leaves a balance of £23,648 applicable to the completion of the fifty-nine works sanctioned by your Lordships at an estimated cost of £237,968.

Of these works forty-two have been entirely completed, ten others practically so, and seven are in different stages of construction; the latter, with favourable weather, are expected to be completed during the current year.

Some very violent gales occurred in the months of November, December, January, February, and March. No damage was done to completed work except in three instances—one, where a beacon at Ballywillan Harbour was carried away; in another (Aughrie Boat-slip), where some concrete suffered from the attrition of shingle; and in a third, some surface damage to a macadamized approach at Port Stewart which is now being rectified. The damage to works in progress was comparatively trifling, but two of the contractors sustained considerable loss in damage to staging and floating plant.

Considering the very exposed position and great uncertainty connected with most of these marine works, the Board hope that their Lordships will be satisfied with these results and with the fact that on the whole a fair amount of saving has been effected on the estimates; and further that the period of time for their execution as laid down by the Act has practically been adhered to.

ARLOW HARBOUR.

The works of the southern pier were complete on the 31st December last, and final payment made to the contractor on the 19th January following. The severe storms which occurred during the winter months, caused no damage to the new work, but that which occurred on the 1st November last occasioned considerable injury to the old northern pier, which was constructed of dry stone. We have applied a sum of £180 (received from tolls), to this and other works of maintenance.

On the 29th March last we received a memorial from boatowners, fishermen, merchants, and traders of Arklow, praying for the construction of the north groyne as originally designed, but which was postponed at the urgent request of the Local Committee.

The memorialists are now convinced of the absolute necessity of constructing it, and that the want of it "will leave the harbour, not only in a most incomplete and comparatively useless state, but that the inevitable consequence will be that the old work of the northern pier must be very soon cut through, and the splendid piece of work (the new extension) converted into an isolated or detached projection."

The new pier will immediately be transferred to the Harbour Authority constituted under the Act.

KINSALE HARBOUR.

The works were completed in the month of October, 1887. They have not been formally though they have in great measure practically been handed over to the Harbour Commissioners, pending some financial arrangements in course of settlement.

CLARE SLOES RECLAMATION.

This work was completed on the 14th December, 1887, since then a ganger and ten labourers have been employed in maintenance of the work, in draining the surface of the slob, and other small matters. The bank has not suffered any damage from the several storms which occurred during the winter months.

SHANNON NAVIGATION.

LIMERICK AND UPPER SHANNON.

The navigation has been fairly maintained, although the protracted drought of last summer rendered it difficult to keep some parts deep enough, especially in the Erin Canal. The banks, weirs, sluices, locks, gates, &c., are in good order.

The sluices at the several weirs have been worked very regularly, there was no flooding during the year, which was unusually dry. The flooring of the sluices at Athlone was undermined, and heavy repairs had to be executed; at the other sluices the scour was not much, and required only ordinary maintenance.

LOWER SHANNON.

The repairs to Kilrush Pier (which was one of those handed over to trustees under the Shannon Act, 1885), have been completed in a substantial manner.

The piers at Saloon, Ballylongford and Foynes still remain in our charge, the last-named harbour continues to give trouble from accumulation of mud, to which it will always be subject; but such small timely dredgings have been effected as the available funds admitted of. To prevent inconvenience to the boats of H. M. ships and others an iron ladder has been erected at the outer end of the pier.

LOWER BOYNE NAVIGATION.

The works of this navigation have been maintained in good order during the year. The breast gates at Rossmore and Broe station are old but they are acting sufficiently well, and need not be replaced with new ones for the present. The towing path at Ballsbridge, which is liable to damage from floods and high tides, was not attacked much during the last winter, but at the end of March last considerable surface damage was done during an equinoctial spring-tide and a heavy gale of wind.

IRISH REPRODUCTIVE LOAN FUND.

The following statement shows the total amount advanced on loan for fishery purposes with one exception, viz., county Roscommon, for Town Hall, in each of the ten counties interested, up to 31st December, 1887, the date of the last Parliamentary return, and the total repayments to the same date;—

County.	No. of Loans.	Total Amount advanced to 31st December, 1887.	Total Amount to be repaid, including interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum.	Repayments to 31st December, 1887.	Balance available for loan on 1st January, 1888.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Clare,	328	4,751 9 0	5,041 8 4	4,217 9 7	2,023 15 0
Cork,	452	18,745 10 0	19,870 16 0	14,376 6 9	2,066 15 5
Galway, . . .	1,367	19,463 17 0	20,885 6 6	14,334 16 6	2,947 10 10
Kerry,	730	21,018 14 9	22,145 1 2	19,118 14 9	13,408 5 3
Leitrim, . . .	4	100 0 0	108 10 10	105 17 8	1,929 5 0
Limerick, . . .	6	228 0 0	317 10 10	266 14 1	3,495 9 8
Mayo,	1,178	11,206 18 0	11,845 2 1	8,915 17 6	2,367 13 2
Sligo,	391	4,732 2 0	5,072 15 2	3,745 7 11	1,935 13 8
Roscommon, . .	1	1,500 0 0	*1,583 3 8	283 3 3	5,959 15 6
Tipperary, . .	—	—	—	—	4,984 14 8
Total,	4,367	81,834 10 9	86,469 14 2	60,114 8 0	41,006 17 9

* This includes the amount of interest actually accrued due only.

The above totals include 317 loans for £5,075 made in the year, a slight decrease as compared with the previous year's work. The repayments in the year amounted to £7,274 as compared with £7,845 for 1886. The arrears of instalments we regret to report have increased from £2,188 to £2,505. Assenting to the Conversion Scheme, the Stock held by us in connection with this Fund and the Sea and Coast Fisheries Fund has been converted into the New Two and Three-quarter per Cent., entailing an annual loss of income of £130.

SEA AND COAST FISHERY FUND.

The number of loans made in the year was only 100 as compared with 399 in 1886, but the amount advanced was £8,000 as contrasted with £6,932, showing that loans for larger sums are made. The total repayments in the year amounted to £5,170 as compared with £4,466 for 1886.

For the purpose of assisting county Cork, which is endowed under the Irish Reproductive Loan Fund Act, an allocation of £1,200 was made out of this Fund.

The arrears, we are pleased to report, show a decrease from £2,538 to £2,466, most of which arrears are in respect of loans made by the late trustees.

The amount available for loans in 1888 is £17,185.

NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ECCLESIASTICAL RUINS—IRISH CHURCH ACT, 1869.

32 & 33 Vic., cap. 42, sec. 25.

Some works necessary for the preservation of, and affording access to, the Portlester Chapel and St. Audoen's Church, Dublin, have been carried out, and casual incidental repairs to some of the other structures vested in the Board.

POST ROADS.

Act 6 & 7 Wm. IV., cap. 116, section 61.

Applications from the Postmaster-General were received during the past year for repairs of post roads situate in the following counties:—

Co. TIPPERRARY.—Clonmel to Fethard. Co. DUBLIN.—Dublin to Blessington.

Where the roads are not already under contract, the repairs are executed under the superintendence of the respective County Surveyors. The cost of the works is defrayed by the Board, and is repayable by Grand Jury Presentment at subsequent Assizes.

COUNTY SURVEYORS' ASSISTANTS.

Six Candidates for the office of County Surveyors' Assistants have been examined under the warrant of the Lord Lieutenant, pursuant to the provisions of the Act 6 & 7 Wm. IV., c. 116, and their qualifications certified to the County Surveyors.

LIMITED OWNERS' RESIDENCES (SETTLED ESTATES ACTS).

27 & 28 Vic., c. 113; 33 & 34 Vic., c. 86; 34 & 35 Vic., c. 84; 40 & 41 Vic., c. 31.

No order has been made under these Acts during the year.

ARBITRATIONS UNDER "THE RAILWAYS (IRELAND) ACTS,"
(1851, 1860, 1864.)

14 & 15 Vic., c. 70; 23 & 24 Vic., c. 97; and 27 & 28 Vic., c. 71.

Arbitrations have been applied for and Arbitrators appointed for the following, viz. :—

Railways:

The Listowel and Ballybunion Railway Company—Lands, &c., required for the purposes of the undertaking.

The Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company—Lands, &c., required in connexion with the City of Dublin Junction Railways.

Commissioners:

The Dundalk Town Commissioners—Lands, &c., required in connexion with waterworks.

The Carrick-on-Suir Town Commissioners—Lands required under the Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Order Confirmation (Carrick-on-Suir) Act, 1887.

Corporations:

The Corporation of Londonderry—Lands, &c., required in connexion with waterworks—Waterside extension.

The Corporation of Limerick—Lands required in connexion with Limerick water supply.

The Corporation of Dublin—Premises required in connexion with the new street from Mullinahack (New-row, West,) to Usher's-quay, Dublin.

The Corporation of Belfast—Lands required in connexion with the Belfast Main Drainage Act, 1887.

Boards of Guardians of Poor Law Unions:

Dunmanway, Mallow, Cashel, Longford, Macroom, Bandon, Mountmellick, Skibbereen, Ballinasloe, Clonsilla, Listowel, Limerick, Mullingar, Croom, Scariff, Mallow, Wexford, Thurles, Carlow, Ballymena, Listowel, Dungarvan, Loughrea, Fermoy, Granard, Navan, Mohill, Limerick, Ennis—Lands required for the purposes of the Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 46 & 47 Vic., c. 60, and 48 & 49 Vic., c. 77.

Belfast—Lands required in connexion with Greencastle and Upper Whitehouse waterworks.

Sirahane—Lands required in connexion with water supply.

Ballyshannon—Lands required in connexion with Ballyshannon waterworks.

TRAMWAYS AND LIGHT RAILWAYS.

TRAMWAYS ACTS, 23 & 24 Vic., c. 152 (1860); 24 & 25 Vic., c. 102 (1861); 34 & 35 Vic., c. 114 (1871); 44 & 45 Vic., c. 17 (1881), and 46 & 47 Vic., c. 43 (1883).

Under the provisions of the Tramways Acts of 1860 and 1861 we are required, on the application of the promoters of tramway and light railway projects, to cause an inquiry to be held into the merits of the undertakings from an engineering point of view, and to any modification in that respect which may be advantageously made, and to report our opinion thereon. These reports are directed to be submitted to the Grand Juries for their consideration in approving of the proposals made, prior to granting a baronial guarantee on the amount of capital required for the carrying out of any proposed undertaking, and to an Order of the Lord Lieutenant in Council being sought.

The cost of these inquiries has been defrayed out of funds deposited in our hands by the Promoters.

The following cases were brought forward for inquiry at last Summer and Spring Assizes, and were duly reported on by the Board:—Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway (Poulaphuca Extension), County Dublin; Woodlawn and Mountbellew, Co. Galway; Galway, Headford, Cong, and Clifden Light Railway, Counties Galway and Mayo, but none of these obtained the requisite guarantee from the Grand Juries for the capital required.

The total mileage of projects guaranteed is 428 miles; the total cost, according to the promoters' estimate, is £1,884,816 and the guaranteed capital £1,672,082.

Our duty in connexion with guaranteed undertakings is that prescribed by the 10th section, subsection 4, of the Tramways Act of 1883, which enacts that before any Order in Council is made authorizing the carrying out of a guaranteed project, we are required to furnish the Lord Lieutenant in Council with an estimate of the amount of paid-up capital which will be necessary for the purposes of the undertaking. The estimates having been examined and checked for that purpose, are submitted to the Privy Council at the hearing of applications for Orders authorizing the construction of any line of tramway or light railway, and the Engineers who checked those estimates attend at the hearing and are examined thereon. The following table shows the applications which have been passed by the Privy Council under this Act, together with the valuation of guaranteeing areas, &c., &c. :-

GUARANTEED UNDERTAKINGS passed by PRIVY COUNCIL.

Name of Project.	Promoter's Estimate.	Engineer's Estimate.	Amount of Guarantee.	Guaranteeing Area.		
				County.	Sections.	Valuation.
Cardiffbridge Harbour Junction Light Railway.	£ 7,000 0 0	£ 7,500 0 0	£ 7,000 0 0	Ardara.	Co. of Town of Cardiffbridge.	£ 25,817 0 0
Armagh and Keady Light Railway.	45,400 0 0	86,000 0 0	40,000 0 0	Armagh.	Tipperary, Upper Fenn, and Lower Fenn.	23,823 2 0
Cave, Leirion, and Roscommon Light Railway.	231,000 0 0	231,000 0 0	42,000 0 0 154,000 0 0	Cavan, Leitrim.	Parts of Leirion, Lower, Tipperary, Tipperary, Carrigrohilly, and Leirion and Roscommon.	27,255 14 0
Kilrush and Killybegs Light Railway.	40,000 0 0	40,000 0 0	40,000 0 0	Clare.	Mayna.	25,817 0 0
West Clare Light Railway.	125,348 0 0	120,000 0 0	120,000 0 0	"	All Roscommon.	315,229 0 0
Ballinacorney and Timoleague Light Railway.	25,000 0 0	21,000 0 0	25,000 0 0	Cork.	Ross and Berresford, and E. Garry, & D. Garry.	45,674 0 0
Cork, Cusker, and Hany Light Railway.	52,000 0 0	74,100 0 0	75,000 0 0	"	Parts of E. Roscommon, Cork, and Roscommon.	25,000 22 0
Midleton and Fermoy Light Railway.	55,000 0 0	55,000 0 0	55,000 0 0	"	Cusker and Cusker, and Fermoy (part).	71,245 35 0
Schoil and Skibbereen Light Railway.	55,000 0 0	61,000 0 0	55,000 0 0	"	West Cork, W.D., & E.D.	61,251 35 0
West Bangor Light Railway.	15,000 0 0	15,000 13 0	15,000 0 0	Down.	Parts of Tyrone and Down.	56,182 4 0
Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.	54,571 7 4	55,000 0 0	40,000 0 0	Dublin and Wicklow.	Parts of Rathdown, Upper, Roscommon, and Rathdown.	80,000 17 0
Clough Valley Tramway.	128,225 2 7	140,000 0 0	125,000 0 0	Farmington and Tyrone.	Parts of Rathdown, Upper, Roscommon, Lower, Down, Roscommon, and Clough.	80,000 2 0
Woodlawn and Mount Bellew Tramway.	51,222 14 0	55,000 0 0	55,000 0 0	Galway.	Parts of Roscommon, Killybegs, Tipperary, Roscommon.	40,000 15 0
Loughrea and Attyman Light Railway.	53,400 0 0	48,700 0 0	44,440 0 0	"	Parts of Leitrim, Roscommon, Loughrea, Roscommon, and Tipperary.	224,892 0 0
Trillick and Dingle Light Railway.	120,000 0 0	124,000 0 0	120,000 0 0	Kerry.	Cork, Roscommon, Tipperary, Upper, and Urban Roscommon (part) of Tyrone.	148,817 12 0
West Kerry Light Railway.	120,100 0 0	147,000 0 0	125,000 0 0	"	Trillick.	16,825 0 0
St. Albans and Newtownhamilton Light Railway.	56,670 0 0	55,700 0 0	42,000 0 0	Wicklow, Wexford, and Carlow.	St. Albans, Roscommon, and parts of St. Albans, Upper, and Carlow.	56,704 2 0
Newtownhamilton and Roscommon Light Railway.	20,677 0 0	45,550 0 0	36,000 0 0	Wexford.	Roscommon.	12,512 0 0

The guaranteed capital of the eighteen cases which have passed the Privy Council amounts to £1,268,448.

Having been called upon to make the engineering inquiry previous to Order in Council being sought authorizing extension of the Dublin United Tramways, we duly reported on that undertaking.

An amount is provided in the Estimates to enable us to meet any contributions which may become payable in respect of the two per cent. guaranteed by Government under the 9th Section of the "Tramways (Ireland) Act, 1883." Up to the present time one such application only has been received in this year.

RECEIVER ACCOUNTS FOR LOANS.

We continue in possession of the Southern Railway, having seen no opportunity of disposing of it. The line which is twenty-six miles in length connects Thurles and Cloonmel, and is worked by the Waterford and Limerick Railway Company. Its gross earnings in the year 1887 amounted to £8,892, after paying for haulage, rent to the Great Southern, and other charges, there remained a surplus of £1,788. We received from the County Tipperary and other guarantors the sum of £3,145, to pay the half-yearly dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on the guaranteed stock amounting to £62,900, which has been duly paid over to the shareholders holding that Stock.

In the course of the year we have also taken over the Letterkenney Railway, sixteen and a half miles in length, which is worked by the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Company. The gross receipts in the year 1887 amounted to £4,926, giving a surplus of £1,184, but it is hoped that the traffic of the district may be further developed and the gross earnings increased.

Our Receiver over the Galway Harbour Revenues reports a gross receipt in the year to 31st March last of £3,636 17s. 10d. We paid over to the Exchequer in the same time £410, the balance of £3,286 17s. 10d. required to meet the cost of renewing the dock gates.

We have the honour to be

Your Lordship's obedient Servants.

R. H. SANKEY.

W. R. LE FANU.

S. U. ROBERTS.

*Commissioners of Public Works
in Ireland.*

W. B. SOADY,

Office of Public Works,

Dublin, 14th June, 1888.

APPENDIX.

APPENDIX A.—

(A).—ABSTRACT of the ACCOUNTS of the COMMISSIONERS of PUBLIC WORKS in IRELAND, showing the Total of

Balance in Account	Page	HEADS OF ACCOUNT.	Balance on 31st March, 1888.	Receipts.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
A 1	26	Parliamentary Votes and Grants, viz. :— 1. Public Buildings, Royal Harbours, &c., 2. Royal University, Ireland, 3. Museum of Science and Art, 4. Office of Public Works, 5. Exchange.—Extra Receipts,	2,371 18 11	315,472 18 10
A 2	42	Loans Advances,	9,105 6 8	750,390 0 0
A 3	44	Loans Repayments,	—	538,021 6 0
A 4	44	Land Improvement Proclamations, 16 Vic. c. 32,	20 12 5	1,793 18 5
A 5	46	District Lunatic Asylums,	1,354 17 4	10,603 6 6
A 6	46	Sea Fisheries, Ireland, 46 & 47 Vic. c. 36,	7,796 0 4	60,440 12 2
A 7	48	Miscellaneous Services, viz. :— 1. Deposit Accounts, 1 & 2 Wm. IV. c. 33, &c., 2. Railway and other Arbitrations, 14 & 15 Vic. c. 70, 3. Arterial Drainage Deposits, 26 & 27 Vic. c. 38, &c., 4. Piers, &c., Maintenance, 16 & 17 Vic. c. 134, 5. Inland Navigations:—Shannon, Doyle, 6. Drainage Maintenance, 27 & 28 Vic. c. 43, 7. Shannon Drainage—Special Works, 8. National Monuments, 32 & 33 Vic. c. 42, 9. Irish Reproductive Loan Fund, 37 & 38 Vic. c. 86, 10. Sea and Coast Fisheries Loan Fund, 11. Lism Hall, 12. Kinalea Harbour, 13. Arklow Harbour Works, 14. Maintenance, 15. Liscure Bridge, 16. Clare Slab Reclamation, 17. Piers and Roads Commission, 49 Vic. c. 17, 18. Emigration Grants, 19. Galway Harbour, 20. Southern Railway, 21. Letterkenny Railway, 22. Sundry Accounts,	9,569 1 11	29,493 0 3
		Total,	20,196 12 7	1,743,125 8 8
A 8	56	Statement of Final Awards under Arterial Drainage Act, 26 & 27 Vic. c. 38, with Repayments thereon, to the 31st March, 1888.		

ACCOUNTS.

Sums intrusted to their Management for Collection or Disbursement for One Year, ended on 31st March, 1888.

Balance <i>credit</i> to, 31st March, 1887.	TOTAL.	Overdrawn Balance from Accounts to 31st March, 1887.	Paid.	Balance on 31st March, 1888.	TOTAL.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
—	315,844 12 9	—	308,178 18 11	7,665 18 10	315,844 12 9
—	730,608 6 8	—	715,417 1 2	42,986 5 6	730,608 6 8
—	538,021 6 0	—	538,021 6 0	—	538,021 6 0
—	1,614 10 10	—	1,661 3 11	103 6 11	1,614 10 10
—	20,550 3 10	—	18,208 18 2	2,342 7 8	20,550 3 10
—	68,146 18 7	—	63,966 10 3	4,080 3 4	68,146 18 7
—	66,761 2 2	—	61,868 4 9	7,393 17 6	66,761 2 2
—	1,772,861 15 10	—	1,705,219 1 1	66,839 14 9	1,772,861 15 10

AN ACCOUNT showing the Receipt and Expenditures of the Commissioners

(A 1.)—PARLIAMENTARY

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance from the last Account,		—	—	—	—	—	—	2,371	13	11
I. PUBLIC BUILDINGS.										
Vote for the year 1887-88,		194,562	0	0						
Supplementary Estimate,		13,000	0	0						
					207,562	0	0			
PURCHASE OF SITES :—										
Portion of cost of site of Millinger Post Office payable from Post Office Vote,		—			48	6	8			
NEW WORKS AND ALTERATIONS :—										
Carried forward,		—			207,610	6		2,371	13	11

of Public Works in the Year ended 31st March, 1888.

VOTES AND GRANTS.

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balances on Parliamentary Votes, 1886-87, surrendered to H.M. Exchequer, viz.:— Public Buildings, Royal University, Science and Art Buildings, Office of Public Works,	—	—	—	129	18	7	—	—	—
	—	—	—	159	14	0			
	—	—	—	127	19	2			
	—	—	—	1,367	9	8			
							2,377	14	5
I. PUBLIC BUILDINGS.									
PURCHASE OF STONE:—									
Mullingar Post Office,	95	0	0						
Coastguard Stations,	351	14	4						
Royal Irish Constabulary Barracks,	200	0	0						
				816	14	4			
NEW WORKS AND ALTERATIONS:—									
Royal Hibernian Military School,	217	16	3						
Coastguard Stations,	5,303	9	0						
Ordnance Survey,	2,177	17	7						
Constabulary Buildings,	7,435	6	11						
Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin,	1,067	10	0						
National Education Buildings:—									
Metropolitan Buildings,	78	8	2						
Ordinary Literary Schools,	51,321	13	10						
Teachers' Residences,	256	19	0						
				51,355	1	0			
Dundrum Criminal Lunatic Asylum,	192	1	3						
Customs Buildings,	1,147	7	8						
Postal and Telegraph Buildings,	2,000	10	5						
Kingsdown Harbour,	187	11	0						
Arklow Harbour,	400	0	0						
Boyes Navigation,	1,283	15	7						
				73,580	6	3			
Carried forward,	—	—	—	74,197	0	9	2,377	14	5

AN ACCOUNT showing the RECEIPT and EXPENDITURE of the COMMISSIONERS

(A 1).—PARLIAMENTARY

RECEIPTS—continued.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward,	—			200,710	6	8	2,571	13	11
1. PUBLIC BUILDINGS—continued									
TRANSFERS AND BELODGMENTS :—									
Maintenance and Supplies,	515	15	8						
Furniture, Fittings, &c.,	37	12	7						
				553	8	3	210,903	14	11
Carried forward,	—			—			212,455	8	10

of PUBLIC WORKS in the YEAR ended 31st March, 1888—continued.

VOTES AND GRANTS—continued

EXPENDITURE—continued

	Maintenance and Supplies.	Furniture, Fittings, and Utensils.	Food and Lodging.	Fuel, Light, Water, Clothing, &c.	Total.			
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward, . . .	—	—	—	—	—	74,197	0	9
PUBLIC BUILDINGS—CON.								
Royal Hospital, Kilmalsham, . . .	2,458	8	11	—	554	7	1	3,012
Royal Victoria Military School, . . .	2,373	4	29	—	1,530	5	9	3,908
Government-General's Office, . . .	83	11	9	—	89	15	10	172
Quarantine Buildings, . . .	5,364	1	2	—	—	—	—	5,364
Ordnance, Hanyang Barracks, . . .	1,747	5	2	—	410	4	10	2,157
Dublin Castle State Residence, . . .	5,003	12	5	45	18	5	—	5,068
Endsley Barracks, Dublin Castle, . . .	95	11	2	—	—	—	—	146
Thames Lodge, London, &c., . . .	5,078	14	1	—	325	11	4	5,403
Private Secretary's Lodge, . . .	191	15	8	—	225	10	0	416
Civil Servants' Lodge, Garrison, &c., . . .	742	19	4	—	100	11	2	842
Under Secy's Lodge and Messuage, . . .	677	10	0	—	39	11	1	716
Chief Secy's Office and Messuage, . . .	679	14	7	45	18	5	—	945
Board of Trade Survey Office, . . .	62	23	5	7	2	5	—	69
Civil Service Commission, . . .	57	1	10	140	0	15	1	203
Paymaster-General's Office, . . .	64	2	3	—	52	1	1	116
Stationary Office, Mark Lane, . . .	286	19	8	377	0	147	11	8
Post Office Office, Cannon-st., . . .	8	10	7	240	10	12	15	250
Postal Inspection Office, . . .	15	8	0	143	28	12	3	159
Charitable Bequests Office, . . .	85	12	3	68	4	8	8	153
Local Government Board, . . .	175	5	0	—	120	11	2	295
Office of Public Works, . . .	372	0	1	7	5	1	5	379
Second Room and Office, . . .	216	11	0	—	125	4	3	341
General Registry & Census Office, . . .	212	14	11	30	0	153	15	26
General Registry & Valuation Office, . . .	115	4	5	140	15	81	10	255
Deputy for Crown Witnesses, . . .	26	15	11	200	0	18	10	224
High Court of Justice, Vice-Chancery, . . .	1,235	0	0	—	424	8	2	1,659
Court of Chancery, . . .	216	0	4	—	65	5	8	281
King's Bench—Registry of Deeds, . . .	80	13	11	—	26	10	5	106
District Probate Registry Office, . . .	229	9	1	231	18	0	10	460
Registry of Judgments, . . .	5	7	1	—	5	10	0	10
Land Com. Court and Office, . . .	401	10	3	373	0	369	9	770
Mov. Police Courts and Office, . . .	200	2	5	5	14	10	5	205
Metropolitan Police Station, . . .	8,688	0	10	1,077	17	1	5	9,765
Divisional Magistrate's Office, . . .	168	5	11	232	0	115	4	303
Royal Irish Const. Depot & Office, . . .	8,705	6	1	—	1,477	8	10	10,182
Const. Barracks throughout Ireland, . . .	4,225	16	7	—	—	—	—	4,225
General Prison Office, . . .	125	5	2	—	30	15	5	155
Maritime and Industrial								
Schools Office, . . .	12	4	2	—	16	17	3	28
Deacons Office, Lonsdale Artylen, &c., . . .	1,051	1	2	—	640	17	4	1,691
School of Art, Glasgow, &c., . . .	1,079	14	11	458	4	11	—	1,537
Technical School, . . .	1,054	15	8	104	10	13	—	1,158
Royal College of Science, . . .	584	5	11	268	6	0	—	852
Geological Survey Office, . . .	8	4	0	90	0	0	—	98
Nat. Econ.—Metropol. Buildings, . . .	1,238	19	6	—	1,060	0	3	2,298
Agricultural Model Schools, and Albert Hall, &c., . . .	1,002	2	19	—	481	9	5	1,483
District and Minor Model Schools, Ordinary Literary Schools, . . .	7,725	2	5	—	1,762	2	4	9,487
Teachers' Residences, . . .	110	11	6	—	—	—	—	110
Teachers' Pension Office, . . .	17	13	5	—	55	9	5	63
National Gallery of Ireland, . . .	98	9	8	—	98	10	9	196
Queen's College, Cork, . . .	705	8	3	45	7	4	—	750
" "								

AN ACCOUNT showing the RECEIPT and EXPENDITURE of the COMMISSIONERS

(A 1.)—PARLIAMENTARY

RECEIPTS—continued.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward,	—	—	—	—	—	—	212,635	8	10
PUBLIC BUILDINGS—continued.									
Repayments to Baroness. Tramway and Public Companies (Ireland) Act, 1853,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Contributions to National Schools,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. ROYAL UNIVERSITY, IRELAND :—									
Amount of Supplementary Vote for Building,	—	—	—	141	0	0			
" " " Furnishing,	—	—	—	1,189	0	0			
" " " Maintenance of Existing Buildings,	—	—	—	300	0	0			
							2,230	0	0
3. DUBLIN MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND ART, AND NATIONAL LIBRARY :—									
Amount of Vote,	—	—	—	30,000	0	0			
" Supplementary Vote,	—	—	—	12,000	0	0			
							42,000	0	0
4. OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS (CLASS II.) :—									
Vote,	—	—	—	47,751	0	0			
Law Costs and Stamp Duty recovered,	—	—	—	395	15	3			
Tenders and Re-Lodgements,	—	—	—	168	5	11			
							48,246	2	1
5. SEVERAL OTHER RECEIPTS :—									
Public Buildings :—									
Rents,	3,753	7	9						
Sales of Old Stores, Furniture, Materials, &c.,	609	19	11						
Phoenix and St. Stephen's Green Parks :—							4,452	7	8
Rents for Grazing, &c.,	301	10	2						
Sales,	75	3	10						
Kingstown Harbour :—							378	14	0
Dues,	1,289	13	0						
Rents,	356	0	1						
Water supplied to Shipping,	91	1	9						
Hire of Plovers, Canses, &c.,	25	11	6						
Boat Licenses,	0	7	6						
Howth Harbour :—							1,853	13	10
Dues,	96	19	9						
Sales of Stone,	17	4	6						
Rents,	183	13	7						
Donaghadee Harbour :—							300	17	10
Rents,	—	—	—				13	13	0
Ards Harbour :—									
Rents,	5	16	0						
Dues,	172	13	6						
Sales,	73	4	2						
Drogheda Harbour :—							249	13	8
Rents,	26	19	0						
Dues,	49	19	11						
Sales,	16	0	0						
Tyrone Navigation :—							92	18	11
Tolls,	200	5	5						
Rents,	47	12	3						
Naigee Navigation :—							307	17	8
Tolls,	—	—	—				10	5	7
Ulster Canal :—									
Tolls,	82	13	10						
Rents,	132	12	1						
Boyne Navigation :—							215	5	11
Tolls,	132	12	10						
Rents,	0	10	0						
Dublin Museum of Science and Art, Salaries, &c.,							133	2	10
							6	5	0
							2,720	5	11
							10,733	1	10
							315,844	12	9

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VOTES AND GRANTS—continued.

EXPENDITURE—continued.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward,		—	—	—	204,817	10	4	2,277	14	5
PUBLIC BUILDINGS—continued.										
Repayments to Baroness. Tramway and Public Companies (Ireland) Act, 1883 :—										
Skull and Skibbereen Light Railway. Contribution for half-year to 31st December, 1885,		—	—	—	322	5	4	204,979	15	5
Contributions to National Schools,		—	—	—	—	—	—	7	18	9
2. ROYAL UNIVERSITY, IRELAND :—										
Buildings,		—	—	—	55	7	4			
Furnishing,		—	—	—	1,675	16	1			
Maintenance of Existing Buildings,		—	—	—	489	15	5	2,218	13	8
3. DUBLIN MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND ART, AND NATIONAL LIBRARY :—										
Buildings, Superintendence, &c.,		—	—	—	—	—	—	41,979	3	0
4. OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS (CLASS II.) :—										
Salaries,		—	—	—	22,422	7	3			
Travelling Expenses,		—	—	—	2,972	11	9			
Fees to Counsel,		—	—	—	716	7	8			
Incidental Expenses,		—	—	—	272	11	4			
Land Improvement and Land Law Act, Salaries, &c.,		—	—	—	13,995	15	9	46,508	11	9
5. EXCHEQUER, EXTRA RECEIPTS :—										
Public Buildings :—										
Taxes refunded,		—	—	—	18	9	4			
Phoenix Park :—										
Veterinary Inspection,		50	0	0						
To owner of a cow, for value of hide,		0	18	0						
Kingstown Harbour :—								30	16	6
Ballast for Shipping,										
Dublin Port and Docks Board,		388	4	4						
		85	16	3				474	0	7
Howth Harbour :—										
Poor Rate and Income Tax,		—	—	—	2	0	10			
Salaries, &c. :—										
Deposits refunded, Land Law Act, sec. 31,		—	—	—	52	0	0			
Transferred to H. M. Exchequer,		—	—	—	9,627	19	8	10,206	16	8
Balance,		—	—	—	—	—	—	7,665	15	10
								315,844	12	9

GEO. FINKE, Accountant.
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(A. 2).—An Account showing the Receipts and Expenditure of the Commission.

PUBLIC WORKS LOAN

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Office of Public Works, Dublin, 2nd May, 1888.

(A 3).—AN ACCOUNT showing the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE of the COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC WORKS LOANS

	Repayments.			Totals.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Public Works Loans:—						
Amounts received in repayment:—						
Grand Jurors of Counties,	14,671	16	5			
Local Boards,	7,069	12	5			
Roads and Bridges,	10,897	19	0			
Inland Navigations,	3,431	5	10			
Public Buildings,	1,371	0	7			
Railways,	38,547	10	0			
Quarries, Mines, and Miscellaneous,	57	9	0			
Harbours, Docks, &c.,	18,547	12	3			
Fishery Piers and Harbours,	908	1	5			
Reclamation of Waste Lands,	—					
Labourers' Dwellings in Towns,	11,617	10	1			
Artisans' Dwellings,	4,566	0	7			
Housing of the Working Classes,	3,434	10	8			
Globe Loans,	20,871	3	8			
Public Health,	88,785	5	1			
River Drainage and Navigation, 5 & 6 Vic., c. 89,	2,320	0	3			
River Drainage Maintenance, 20 & 30 Vic., c. 49, &c.,	3,109	16	2			
River Drainage, 25 & 27 Vic., c. 88,	50,809	16	3			
Loans per Act 37 Geo. III., c. 34,	189	0	0			
Post Roads, Repairs,	24	18	1			
Land Improvement Preliminary Expenses,	859	2	0			
Repairs of Fishery Piers,	1,006	15	4			
Maintenance of Navigation Works,	58	14	1			
Quails and Bridewells,	16	0	0			
Lunatic Asylums Buildings,	54,329	6	3			
Building Schools,	34	14	0			
Relief of Distress,	220	3	10			
Seed Supply,	7,010	16	0			
Emigration,	891	19	11			
Labourers' Acts,	9,317	9	6			
Land Improvement Loans,	115,573	11	8			
National School Teachers' Residences,	3,932	12	6			
Dispensary Houses,	2,027	0	1			
Non-Vested Schools and Training Colleges,	512	12	7			
Land Law, 44 & 45 Vic., c. 49, s. 31,	24,395	19	2			
Land Act Loans, 53 & 54 Vic., c. 46,	21,660	11	0			
				461,299	8	11
Church Fund Loans:—						
Land Improvement,	32,633	17	5			
Sanitary,	1,530	11	1			
Sanitary Works,	19,149	18	8			
Relief of Distress,	848	15	1			
Artificial Drainage,	58	16	10			
				53,721	17	1
				538,021	6	0

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 2nd May, 1888.

(A 4).—LAND IMPROVEMENT

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
Balance from last Account,	—			20	13	5
Amount received from H.M. Excisequer by way of Loan,	1,000	0	0			
“ “ from Proprietors in Repayment of Preliminary Expenses,	793	18	5			
				1,793	18	5
				1,814	10	10

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 2nd May, 1888.

(A 5).—LUNATIC

AN ACCOUNT showing the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE by the COMMISSIONERS of PUBLIC WORKS, IRELAND, (on 1888, pursuant to Act 1 & 2

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance from last Account,	—			—			1,254	17	4
Amounts received from the Public Works Loan Fund on account of Loans to the following District Asylums:—									
Armagh,	—			1,878	17	8			
Cork,	—			4,000	0	0			
Belfast,	—			5,000	0	0			
Kilmorey,	—			1,730	0	0			
Barnesbury,	—			200	0	0			
Ennis,	—			800	0	0			
Mullingar,	—			500	0	0			
Letterkeney,	—			87	3	7			
Meath,	2,750	0	0						
Forfeited Contractor's deposit,	1	0	0						
				2,731	0	0			
Limerick,	—			490	11	8			
Castlebar,	—			127	13	10			
Waterford,	—			900	0	0			
Richmond, Dublin,	3,000	0	0						
Forfeited Contractor's deposit,	1	0	0						
				3,001	0	0			
							19,003	6	6
							20,458	3	10

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 1st May, 1888.

(A 6).—SEA FISHERIES

AN ACCOUNT showing the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE by the COMMISSIONERS of PUBLIC WORKS,

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance from last Account,	—			—			7,705	0	4
Amount received from the Land Law Commissioners on account of Grant of £200,000,	—			60,000	0	0			
Amounts received as contributions in aid of Ballycotton Harbour,	—			300	0	0			
Amount received in repayment of Loan—									
Ballycotton Pier—Principal,	25	16	0						
" Interest,	4	0	4						
Ballycotton Pier—Principal,	16	19	0						
" Interest,	4	11	8						
Sundry Sales and Returns,	—			31	10	8			
				85	0	3			
							69,410	13	3
Carried forward,	—			—			68,146	15	7

ASYLUMS BUILDINGS.

Account of the Commissioners for the Control, &c., of Lunatic Asylums, during the year ended 31st March, Geo. IV., c. 33, &c., &c.

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Amounts expended on the following District Asylums, viz:—									
Armagh,	—			1,929	10	3			
Londonderry,	—			75	2	6			
Cork,	—			5,455	9	4			
Belfast,	—			3,875	1	11			
Killarney,	—			1,975	18	11			
Enniscorthy,	—			111	2	8			
Ennis,	—			1,266	13	6			
Mullingar,	—			131	13	11			
Monaghan,	—			5,637	17	2			
Limerick,	—			498	10	8			
Castlebar,	—			548	6	4			
Waterford,	—			531	17	6			
Richmond, Dublin,	—			2,177	11	6			
							15,308	16	3
Salvage,	—			—			2,549	7	8
							50,858	3	10

Geo. Purdie, Accountant.

(IRELAND) COMMISSION.

IRELAND, during the Year ended 31st March, 1868, pursuant to Act 40 & 47 Victoria, cap. 26.

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Expenses of Engineering Staff,	—			2,418	0	0			
Amounts expended on the following Works:—									
Inishcraone Pier,	991	15	6						
Ross Pier,	2,445	8	10						
Port Salen Pier,	1,519	4	4						
Check Point Pier,	408	11	11						
Castlingford Harbour,	7,551	0	2						
Cullinst Pier,	1	9	6						
Bontstrand Breakwater,	122	2	5						
Annalong Harbour,	278	5	4						
Anglic Pier,	80	9	8						
Seafield Pier,	208	2	0						
Ballyvaughan Harbour,	1,500	12	8						
Malin Head Harbour,	2,670	15	8						
Carrigrohilly Harbour,	2,501	8	7						
Kilkeel Harbour,	352	18	0						
Lismore Pier,	838	6	0						
Claggan Pier,	2,945	18	10						
Corn Pier, Trillick,	117	14	6						
Ballymore Harbour,	329	17	9						
Malinmore Pier,	50	0	0						
Greystones Pier,	4,665	8	8						
Brandon Pier,	2,412	13	3						
Collaige Harbour,	21	2	6						
Gloagher Head Breakwater,	6,868	5	5						
Union Hall Pier,	2,826	8	11						
Port Stewart Harbour,	1,493	3	4						
Ballydavid Boat Slip,	2	0	0						
Kilkee Boat Slip,	280	17	2						
Lockan Pier,	3,180	18	4						
Belmullet West Pier,	3	7	6						
Browna Harbour,	542	2	4						
Carried forward,	46,883	13	5	2,418	0	0			

(A. 6)—SEA FISHERIES

AN ACCOUNT showing the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE by the COMMISSIONERS of PUBLIC WORKS,

RECEIPTS—continued.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward,	—	—	—	—	—	—	68,146	13	7
							68,146	13	7

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AN ACCOUNT showing the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE by the COMMISSIONERS

(A. 7).—MISCELLANEOUS

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from last Account,	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,268	1	1
1. DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS FOR LOANS, &c. :— Received from Sundries for Preliminary Expenses,	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,176	9	0
2. RAILWAY AND OTHER AMPLIFICATION EXPENSES, 14 & 15 Vic., c. 30 :— Received from Railway Companies and others, to meet Expenses of Arbitration,	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,194	13	10
3. ARTESIAN DRAINAGE DEPOSITS, 26 & 27 Vic., c. 38, &c. :— Received from Drainage Boards on Account of Preliminary and other Expenses,	—	—	—	—	—	—	189	13	2
Carried forward,	—	—	—	—	—	—	12,828	17	6

(IRELAND) COMMISSION—continued.

IRELAND, during the Year ended 31st March, 1888, pursuant to Act 46 & 47 Victoria, cap. 26.

EXPENDITURE—continued.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward,	46,582	13	5	2,418	0	0			
Amounts expended on the following works:—									
Crangan Pier,	321	14	1						
Achill Viaduct Pier,	234	8	0						
Belmullet East Pier,	1,980	6	0						
Polinamuck Landing Place,	15	7	6						
Killardiff Breakwater,	37	9	6						
Passage East Harbour,	1,062	9	3						
Kilmore Harbour,	2,762	5	2						
Ballywillan Harbour,	627	12	0						
Dingle Harbour,	20	10	6						
Kilkerris Harbour,	160	1	5						
Ballyhalbert Pier,	2,823	5	8						
Castletown Berehaven Pier,	1,739	6	8						
Loughshinny Pier,	1,951	5	4						
Buskey Harbour,	492	1	2						
Cashla Pier,	28	15	10						
				60,846	10	3			
Balance,							63,266	10	3
							4,850	3	4
							68,116	13	7

Geo. PARKER, Accountant.

of PUBLIC WORKS, IRELAND, during the Year ended 31st March, 1888.

SERVICES.

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1. DEFERRED ACCOUNTS FOR LOANS, &c. :—									
Paid to Sundries for Preliminary Expenses,	—			—			1,323	5	3
2. RAILWAY AND OTHER AMBULATION EXPENSES, 14 & 15 Vic., c. 70 :—									
Paid to Valuers, &c.,	—			—			1,433	15	0
3. ARTERIAL DRAINAGE DEPOSITS, 26 & 27 Vic., c. 83, &c. :—									
Paid for Preliminary Expenses, Arbitrations, &c.,	—			—			513	4	4
Carried forward,	—			—			2,370	4	7
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AN ACCOUNT showing the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE of the COMMISSIONERS
MISCELLANEOUS

RECEIPTS—continued.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward,	—	—	—	—	—	—	12,838	17	5
4. PIERS MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS, 16 & 17 Vic., c. 136:— DUBLIN—Balance of Loan,	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	1	4
5. ISLAND NAVIGATIONS:— Shannon Navigation:— Boris,	2,639	19	5						
Tolls,	1,549	5	1						
Sales, Refunds, &c.,	114	14	8				4,303	19	2
Boyes Navigation:— Transfer from "New Works, &c., Public Buildings, Votes, Class I" to meet accumulated deficit to 31st March, 1887, Refund,	1,282	15	7						
	0	10	0				1,282	5	7
							5,587	4	9
6. MAINTENANCE OF DRAINAGE WORKS, 29 & 30 Vic., c. 49:— Keenagh,	—	—	—	—	—	—	936	6	8
7. SHANNON DRAINAGE—SPECIAL WORKS:— Imprest from Chief Secretary from Supplementary Vote 4, Class VII, Public Works and Industries, Ireland, 1887-1888,	—	—	—	3,000	0	0			
Refund of unpaid wages—Kilblos,	—	—	—	1	15	0			
Do, Lough Allen,	—	—	—	2	12	10	8,004	5	10
8. NATIONAL MONUMENTS, 32 & 33 Vic., c. 42:— Dividends on Stock,	—	—	—	958	14	2			
Refund of wages,	—	—	—	1	15	4	958	7	6
9. IRISH REPRESENTATIVE LOAN FUND, 37 & 38 Vic., c. 86, &c.:—				Dividends on Stock, &c.,		Repayments,			
County Clare,	36	7	8			321	17	9	
" Cork,	74	11	8			1,565	15	3	
" Galway,	54	10	8			2,303	9	0	
" Kerry,	335	12	10			923	7	1	
" Limerick,	15	13	6			93	0	10	
" Mayo,	84	7	5			1,347	7	7	
" Sligo,	37	10	5			437	3	11	
" Leitrim,	30	13	8			5	6	4	
" Roscommon,	180	17	0			94	17	5	
" Tipperary,	136	16	8			—			
	997	1	4			7,408	3	2	
							8,400	4	6
Carried forward,	—	—	—	—	—	—	35,735	11	0

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SERVICES—continued.

EXPENDITURE—continued.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward, . . .		—	—	—	—	—	—	2,970	4	7
4. FIRES—MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS, 16 & 17 Vic., c. 156 :—										
Drainage—Expenditure on Works, . . .		—	—	—	—	—	—	14	8	10
5. INLAND NAVIGATIONS :—										
Shannon Navigation :—										
Maintenance and Repairs of Works, &c., . . .		2,362	19	4						
Salary of Engineer; Wages of Collectors and Look-keepers, . . .		1,239	9	3						
Repayment of Clare Castle Pier Loan, . . .		512	15	4						
Refund of Rates and Income Tax, . . .		145	9	4						
Law Costs, and Compensation for Land injured by Works, . . .		31	1	0				4,291	15	8
Boyne Navigation :—										
								4,291	15	8
6. MAINTENANCE OF DRAINAGE WORKS, 29 & 30 Vic., c. 49 :—										
Keshagh,		—	—	—	920	6	8			
Doohyle,		—	—	—	38	15	4	965	2	0
7. SHANNON DRAINAGE—SPECIAL WORKS :—										
Killicoe,		—	—	—	4,260	19	8			
Lough Allen,		—	—	—	2,930	12	8			
Piers, &c.,		—	—	—	59	12	1	7,290	4	5
8. NATIONAL MONUMENTS, 32 & 33 Vic., c. 42 :—										
Maintenance—										
Salary and Travelling Expenses of Architects, Caretakers' Wages, Incidents, &c.,		—	—	—	471	12	7			
Restoration—										
St. Andrew's Church,		—	—	—	117	8	1	588	0	8
9. IRISH REPRODUCTIVE LOAN FUND, 37 & 38 Vic., c. 56, &c. :—										
County Clare,		104	0	0			4	9	9	
" Cork,		365	0	0			4	6	2	
" Galway,		1,615	0	0			32	6	11	
" Kerry,		520	10	0			40	4	6	
" Limerick,		300	0	0			—			
" Mayo,		708	10	0			41	8	9	
" Sligo,		127	0	0			7	5	9	
		4,531	0	0			150	1	10	
Carried forward,		—	—	—	—	—	—	20,461	17	7

AN ACCOUNT showing the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE of the COMMISSIONERS

MISCELLANEOUS

RECEIPTS—continued.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward, . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	36,735	11	0
10. SEA AND COAST FISHERIES LOAN FUND, 47 & 48 Vic., c. 21:—									
Repayments,	—	—	—	5,354	11	0			
Dividends on Stock, &c.,	—	—	—	514	8	3			
							5,868	16	3
11. LUNEN HALL:—									
Rents,	—	—	—	—	—	—	412	5	3
12. KISSALE HARBOR:—									
13. ARKLOW HARBOR—"WORKS":—									
Loans,	—	—	—	2,600	0	0			
Grants,	—	—	—	600	0	0			
							3,000	0	0
14. ARKLOW HARBOR—"MAINTENANCE":—									
Dues,	—	—	—	—	—	—	213	18	3
15. LUNEN BRIDGE:—									
Presentment, Grand Jury—Co. Antrim,	—	—	—	1,170	2	6			
Do, do, Down,	—	—	—	1,170	2	6			
							2,340	5	0
16. CLARE SHOE REGULATIONS:—									
Loans,	—	—	—	5,000	0	0			
Boni,	—	—	—	29	0	0			
Refunds and Transfers,	—	—	—	390	16	4			
							5,419	16	4
Carried forward,	—	—	—	—	—	—	53,690	14	1

of PUBLIC WORKS in the Year ended 31st March, 1888.

SERVICES—continued.

EXPENDITURE—continued.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward, . . .		—	—	—	—	—	—	20,481	17	7
10. SEA AND COAST FISHERIES LOAN FUND, 47 & 48 Vic., c. 21:—										
Loans to Fishermen,		—	—	—	8,012	0	0			
Law Costs, &c.,		—	—	—	36	3	3	8,047	3	3
11. LIMER HALLS:—										
Rent, Salary, &c.,		—	—	—	187	16	4			
Transfer to Her Majesty's Exchequer,		—	—	—	210	0	0	397	16	4
12. KINSALE HARBOUR:—										
Contractor,		—	—	—	1,993	8	11			
Compensation, Superintendence, &c.,		—	—	—	298	13	1	2,290	17	0
13. ARKLOW HARBOUR—"WORKS":—										
Contractor,		—	—	—	2,630	0	0			
Iron loan for Lighthouse,		—	—	—	33	0	0			
Superintendence, Law Costs, &c.,		—	—	—	106	15	10	2,769	15	10
14. ARKLOW HARBOUR—"MAINTENANCE":—										
Salary, Labour, &c.,		—	—	—	—	—	—	180	0	0
15. LIMERICK BRIDGE:—										
Transfer to Exchequer Extra Receipts for Interest on overdraft,		—	—	—	—	—	—	486	10	0
16. CLARE GLOS RECLAMATION:—										
Labour, Materials, Superintendence, &c.,		—	—	—	—	—	—	8,849	11	4
Carried forward,		—	—	—	—	—	—	40,482	16	9

AN ACCOUNT showing the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE of the COMMISSIONERS
MISCELLANEOUS

RECEIPTS—continued.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward,	—	—	—	—	—	—	53,690	14	1
17. POORS AND ROADS COMMISSION, 49 Vic., s. 17 :— Contributions, Refunds, Sales, &c.,	—	—	—	—	—	—	157	6	2
18. RESIGNATION GRANTS :— From Land Law Commissioners, Refund,	—	—	—	2,000	0	0	39	2	9
19. GALWAY HARBOUR REVENUE'S ACCOUNT :— Dues, Sales,	—	—	—	3,694	16	9	2	2	0
20. SOUTHERN RAILWAY :— Net Revenue for year ending 31st December, 1887, Amount received for payment of Biennial Guaranteed Dividends,	—	—	—	3,481	8	8	5,141	9	1
21. LUTHERKENNY RAILWAY :— Balance received through Bank of Ireland of amount to credit of Letterkenney Railway Co.,	—	—	—	—	—	—	241	10	1
22. SEVERAL ACCOUNTS :— Carriage of Kildare, Loans Insurance, Income Tax, Land Law Commission (Church Property) Office, Insurance by Contractor of New Science and Art Buildings, St. Stephen's-green Park, Bond Street, Board of Admiralty, Board of Trade, Drainage Works, Closing Account, Dividends on Stock lodged as Contractors' security, Temporary Receipts,	—	—	—	51	14	4	569	4	9
	—	—	—	829	8	8	600	0	0
	—	—	—	15	0	0	145	8	8
	—	—	—	20	4	3	68	10	0
	—	—	—	11	7	0	6	2	0
	—	—	—	101	12	11	2,412	12	7
							68,761		2

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 1st May, 1888.

of PUBLIC WORKS in the year ended 31st March, 1888.

SERVICES—continued.

EXPENDITURE—continued.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward,		—	—	—	—	—	—	40,482	16	9
17. FIRES AND BOARDS COMMISSION, 49 Vol., c. 17 :—										
Expenditure on Works, Superintendence, &c.,		—	—	—	—	—	—	915	11	2
18. EMIGRATION GRANTS :—										
Grants to Poor Law Unions,		—	—	—	—	—	—	4,713	8	1
19. GALWAY HARBOUR RECEIPTS' ACCOUNT :—										
Repayment of Loan,		—	—	—	—	410	0	0		
Salaries, Drudging, Maintenance, &c.,		—	—	—	—	2,455	12	7		
								2,865	12	7
20. SOUTHERN RAILWAY :—										
Payment of Interest on Loan,		—	—	—	—	1,960	0	0		
General Expenses of Management,		—	—	—	—	1,717	15	0		
Dividends, Income Tax, &c., paid on Harbours' Guaranteed Stock,		—	—	—	—	3,145	0	0		
								6,762	15	0
21. LUTHERKENNY RAILWAY :—										
Paid for advertising, Rates, Fees, &c.,		—	—	—	—	—	—	44	6	5
22. sundry ACCOUNTS :—										
Outings of Kildare,		—	—	—	—	51	14	4		
Loans Insurance,		—	—	—	—	354	13	9		
Income Tax,		—	—	—	—	835	16	9		
Land Law Commission (Church Property) Office,		—	—	—	—	630	17	4		
Insurance by Contractor of new Science and Art Buildings,		—	—	—	—	15	9	0		
St. Stephen's Green Park, Band Stand,		—	—	—	—	146	8	8		
Island Bridge Waterworks,		—	—	—	—	29	18	5		
Board of Admiralty,		—	—	—	—	35	12	5		
Board of Trade,		—	—	—	—	68	10	0		
Drainage Works Closing Account,		—	—	—	—	0	9	4		
Dividends on Stock, lodged as Contractors' Security,		—	—	—	—	6	3	0		
Temporary Receipts,		—	—	—	—	3,367	11	8		
								5,603	14	8
Balance,		—	—	—	—	—	—	61,365	4	8
								7,395	17	6
								68,761	2	2

Geo. FARRIS, Accountant.

(A 8.) ARTERIAL DRAINAGE.—

These Works are executed by District Boards in

SCHEDULE.—ABSTRACT OF FINAL AWARDS, and Repayments

Districts.	Counties.	Date when Awards made final.	Area of Flooded or Inundated Land, which have been Drained or improved, Statute Measure			Cost per Acre of the Drainage, including Interest, &c.			Increase in the Annual Value of these Lands, caused by Drainage.			Amount of Installments payable by the Drainage Board, after deducting the Interest, &c. on the Advances.			Total of Advances repaid and interest.			
			A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				
Abbey River, . . .	Meath, . . .	4th April, 1888, .	1,288	0	27	6	0	5	329	16	6	329	2	2	44			
Bellinacorney, . . .	Limerick, . . .	2nd Oct., 1875, .	179	0	5	7	1	8	82	5	1	—	—	—	20			
Ballygarra, . . .	Queen's, . . .	6th Oct., 1883, .	833	2	0	4	5	8	206	15	0	22	18	4	44			
Ballynacorney, . . .	King's and Queen's, .	8th April, 1888, .	2,062	1	23	2	7	5	516	14	0	184	8	2	44			
Ballyvaughan, . . .	Kildare, . . .	10th Mar., 1875, .	1,955	2	30	4	0	5	568	4	2	—	—	—	50			
Barnack, . . .	Limerick, . . .	3rd April, 1883, .	1,017	1	32	9	15	1	617	19	9	238	1	11	44			
Boolinacorney, . . .	King's, . . .	27th Mar., 1875, .	926	3	26	3	7	1	187	12	8	10	7	9	44			
Briskey River, . . .	Waterford, . . .	26th Sept., 1870, .	329	1	20	5	4	3	297	2	1	—	—	—	20			
Bride River, . . .	Cork, . . .	9th Oct., 1882, .	1,369	3	4	6	15	8	531	3	2	129	12	2	44			
Camoga, . . .	Limerick, . . .	26th Sept., 1876, .	1,260	3	0	9	3	1	577	4	6	216	4	4	70			
Clodiagh River, . . .	Tipperary, . . .	26th May, 1872, .	1,657	1	4	4	3	7	396	0	7	—	—	—	20			
Connell, . . .	Kildare, . . .	19th Jan., 1870, .	747	2	0	5	6	5	171	19	2	212	15	3	44			
Careygrace, . . .	Longford, . . .	9th Oct., 1882, .	114	0	37	5	0	4	27	14	1	—	—	—	20			
Derrinlough, . . .	King's, . . .	8th Oct., 1874, .	822	0	30	3	6	5	143	15	4	37	1	3	70			
Dookyle, . . .	Limerick, . . .	9th Oct., 1871, .	409	2	32	8	2	7	145	9	9	61	10	10	44			
Douglas River, . . .	Carlow, . . .	31st Mar., 1875, .	3,083	2	0	4	7	3	922	16	0	—	—	—	20			
Elphis, . . .	Roscommon, . . .	26th Mar., 1878, .	3,265	2	12	4	11	2	1,836	1	10	435	14	4	44			
Frankford River, . . .	King's, . . .	27th Mar., 1875, .	1,904	2	0	6	5	3	414	16	0	—	—	—	20			
Do., . . .	Do., . . .	4th April, 1884, .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	44	11	5	21			
Garristown and Delvin, . . .	Meath and Dublin, . . .	3rd April, 1888, .	3,292	0	13	1	9	4	461	3	0	13	7	8	20			
Gally, . . .	Queen's, . . .	4th Oct., 1875, .	1,064	0	16	4	4	11	242	12	9	146	8	2	44			
Gally Upper, . . .	Do., . . .	14th Mar., 1876, .	508	1	18	4	15	7	129	12	2	—	—	—	20			
Hogan's Pass, . . .	Tipperary, . . .	9th Oct., 1880, .	865	1	29	5	15	0	288	13	10	142	1	5	44			
Island Lakes and Otter River, . . .	Mayo, . . .	3rd April, 1875, .	1,457	0	22	5	16	6	443	5	6	39	6	11	70			
Kildare, . . .	Kildare, . . .	26th Sept., 1877, .	2,347	3	30	5	11	4	504	7	10	208	9	10	70			
Kilnasoola, . . .	Tipperary, . . .	26th July, 1870, .	1,681	1	16	6	10	7	382	12	2	—	—	—	20			
Laracor, . . .	Meath, . . .	3rd April, 1880, .	879	1	22	7	0	7	204	12	10	313	6	9	44			
Lerr River, . . .	Kildare and Carlow, . . .	9th Oct., 1882, .	1,084	3	50	16	6	11	636	5	0	154	10	10	70			
Lough Oughter, . . .	Cavan, . . .	4th April, 1878, .	3,077	1	30	5	1	11	846	18	9	492	17	0	70			
Milford, . . .	Cork, . . .	8th Oct., 1887, .	1,015	0	10	5	14	9	469	0	7	386	2	1	70			
Mallone River, . . .	Limerick, . . .	26th Sept., 1877, .	3,250	2	24	9	4	1	925	9	11	233	15	10	70			
Maroonstown, . . .	Tipperary and King's, . . .	26th Sept., 1874, .	2,712	0	1	4	4	6	639	19	5	747	17	6	70			
Quinagh, . . .	Carlow, . . .	19th Jan., 1870, .	889	2	0	5	15	5	639	19	5	263	10	3	70			
Rathangan River, . . .	Kildare, . . .	4th April, 1883, .	4,964	2	3	6	19	5	3,054	10	10	81	5	7	44			
Rathdowney, . . .	Queen's, . . .	9th Oct., 1868, .	413	1	39	6	6	1	189	0	4	—	—	—	20			
River River, . . .	King's & Westmeath, . . .	6th Oct., 1870, .	1,092	2	38	3	12	8	215	10	9	54	15	5	44			
Sandwichbridge, . . .	Clare, . . .	4th April, 1871, .	2,335	0	4	7	13	2	1,229	14	11	125	16	6	44			
Stoneyford River, . . .	Kildare, . . .	9th Oct., 1884, .	3,264	0	0	8	18	5	1,250	15	10	—	—	—	20			
Swadlow, . . .	Cavan, . . .	23rd Mar., 1880, .	265	2	19	7	6	0	133	15	2	611	13	7	44			
Seilly Barn, . . .	Donegal, . . .	9th Oct., 1886, .	1,404	2	19	8	2	1	485	5	8	721	17	4	70			
Tarbert River, . . .	Tyrone, . . .	3rd April, 1875, .	453	1	16	11	7	1	356	16	10	63	0	6	44			
Tory Hill, . . .	Limerick, . . .	3rd April, 1879, .	861	3	2	6	4	6	434	15	4	—	—	—	20			
Upper Inny, . . .	Meath, Westmeath, Longford, & Cavan, . . .	4th April, 1861, .	1,675	2	7	7	8	3	2,780	2	4	126	11	4	44			
Ward River, . . .	Dublin and Meath, . . .	4th April, 1883, .	886	0	18	7	10	1	314	7	3	—	—	—	20			
[Continued on next page.]			Total, . . .			70,543	2	10	6	6	7	24,729	6	9	15,345	17	8	—

a These shaghs here ascertained.

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in accordance with the Provisions of the above Acts.

thereon, for the Year ended 31st March, 1888.

Total Amount Advanced, including Interest to date of Audit.	Portion of Total Advances charged to Grants for Public Works, or refunded by Drainage Board.	Amount charged on Loans.	Payments.			Districts.
			To 1st March, 1888.	For year ended 31st March, 1888.	Total.	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
11,141 16 2	-	11,141 16 2	10,872 15 10	724 4 4	10,896 0 2	Adelphi River.
1,208 3 10	-	1,208 3 10	1,040 6 8	85 16 6	1,125 3 4	Ballinacorney.
3,600 8 0	89 10 0	3,570 18 0	625 2 0	178 11 0	860 14 0	Ballymahon.
5,975 9 1	-	5,975 9 1	6,974 16 5	265 18 6	7,240 12 11	Ballynacorney.
8,211 1 2	350 15 2	7,406 6 0	6,385 9 9	507 14 4	6,960 3 0	Ballynary.
8,180 17 9	809 12 7	7,577 5 2	9,379 5 5	365 18 5	2,730 19 10	Ballynary.
2,350 0 0	-	2,350 0 0	216 7 2	58 16 10	275 4 0	Ballynary.
3,107 2 4	-	3,107 2 4	2,369 17 3	158 19 6	2,528 15 9	Ballynary.
4,323 12 0	-	4,323 12 0	4,370 2 10	232 11 7	4,710 14 5	Ballynary.
8,721 8 3	106 2 6	8,615 5 9	1,795 16 8	400 6 8	2,205 5 4	Ballynary.
11,748 19 6	200 0 0	11,548 19 6	5,669 16 0	680 11 4	6,350 7 4	Ballynary.
4,959 11 6	-	4,959 11 6	4,956 2 7	401 5 3	7,117 11 0	Ballynary.
2,482 13 0	-	2,482 13 0	2,758 5 3	139 4 10	2,898 15 0	Ballynary.
628 15 0	-	628 15 0	145 6 9	30 7 6	175 14 3	Ballynary.
5,103 19 2	40 0 0	5,063 19 2	1,688 9 1	122 3 5	1,810 3 6	Ballynary.
2,512 6 0	-	2,512 6 0	1,780 5 5	44 5 6	1,824 10 11	Ballynary.
12,643 6 8	160 0 0	12,473 6 8	10,543 8 2	267 15 6	11,350 9 6	Ballynary.
12,610 17 0	456 0 0	12,482 17 0	14,060 13 3	603 17 4	15,060 10 7	Ballynary.
6,746 8 4	80 0 0	6,666 8 4	4,770 9 2	210 1 6	5,086 10 8	Ballynary.
875 17 4	-	875 17 4	187 3 6	52 4 0	239 7 6	Ballynary.
4,548 15 0	225 0 0	4,708 15 0	1,635 0 0	467 3 4	2,102 8 4	Ballynary.
4,517 11 6	-	4,517 11 6	3,586 17 7	284 2 10	4,271 0 5	Ballynary.
2,447 15 2	70 0 0	2,377 15 2	1,900 2 0	153 15 2	1,353 17 2	Ballynary.
5,325 19 0	214 4 0	5,082 8 0	314 4 0	900 4 1	714 8 1	Ballynary.
8,704 17 7	215 0 0	8,389 13 7	4,717 3 11	500 16 0	5,217 17 11	Ballynary.
6,657 4 6	200 0 0	6,307 4 6	8,631 14 4	940 16 0	8,672 11 1	Ballynary.
10,980 7 8	-	10,980 7 8	11,783 5 5	241 7 5	12,574 19 8	Ballynary.
8,317 19 10	35 15 4	8,181 17 6	1,600 19 6	341 8 4	2,328 7 10	Ballynary.
27,916 2 0	202 0 0	27,714 2 0	1,518 11 1	1,375 10 9	2,702 1 10	Ballynary.
16,188 4 0	-	16,188 4 0	6,815 16 11	832 16 3	7,648 13 2	Ballynary.
8,871 14 6	-	8,871 14 6	-	-	-	Ballynary.
30,379 0 0	604 1 0	29,914 19 0	12,162 7 2	1,228 8 6	14,404 15 8	Ballynary.
11,609 17 1	150 0 0	11,549 17 1	7,326 6 9	374 11 11	7,610 16 1	Ballynary.
8,709 18 8	200 0 0	8,509 18 8	2,363 9 10	109 10 10	2,075 0 8	Ballynary.
77,607 6 9	1,185 0 0	76,422 6 9	23,419 17 4	3,214 18 4	26,634 0 8	Ballynary.
2,645 6 5	-	2,645 6 5	3,096 4 4	339 10 9	2,425 15 1	Ballynary.
3,971 2 9	-	3,971 2 9	4,981 2 0	267 13 0	4,585 15 0	Ballynary.
20,208 15 11	424 1 6	19,994 12 3	22,608 10 6	1,162 3 6	21,700 14 2	Ballynary.
22,220 0 0	1,645 11 10	20,575 8 2	6,097 13 1	1,349 18 9	7,520 10 3	Ballynary.
2,682 5 6	143 0 0	1,939 5 6	1,025 7 0	114 5 0	1,129 12 0	Ballynary.
9,220 15 5	437 18 9	8,782 14 0	831 19 5	368 7 11	1,640 7 4	Ballynary.
5,522 1 6	14 0 8	5,144 11 6	4,193 7 10	267 8 8	4,560 16 1	Ballynary.
0,110 13 8	-	6,110 13 8	3,040 18 6	379 13 1	3,420 5 9	Ballynary.
28,466 5 6	2,199 13 6	26,267 12 0	20,075 3 5	4,915 10 7	21,294 14 0	Ballynary.
0,945 17 8	2,750 0 0	8,645 18 9	1,296 6 9	337 18 9	1,636 5 6	Ballynary.
227,107 1 2	196 19 0	226,911 1 2	212,972 17 9	36,428 0 8	253,410 16 5	Ballynary.
22,550 0 0	-	22,550 0 0	-	-	-	Ballynary.

£ 42,500 loaned out of the Church Fund.

* Retained by Drainage Board, being portion of advances not expended.

(A 2.) ARTERIAL DRAINAGE.—

These Works are executed by District Boards in

ARTERIAL DRAINAGE WORKS IN PROGRESS

Districts.	Counties.	Date when Arterial works made final.	Area of Flooded or Injurious Lands, which have been drained or improved, statute measure.	Cost per acre of the Drainage, including interest, &c.	Increase in the Annual Letting Value of the Lands, caused by Drainage.	Amount of Encumbrance payable by property, to repay Grant, with interest, after deducting Receipts.	Number of half-acre allotments to small proprietors and farmers.
			A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
	From preceding page.	—	—	—	—	14,115 17 5	—
Ballynagane and Kilmore,	Wexford, . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—
Corken River, . . .	Kerry, . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fallstown, . . .	Meath, . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—
Glabbea, . . .	Cork, . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—
Greenagh, . . .	Limerick, . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lough Erne, . . .	Fermanagh, Cavan, Monaghan, and Down, Do., . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—
Do. (Navigation),	Do., . . .	—	—	—	—	550 0 5	50
Nanny River, . . .	Meath, . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nanny River Upper, . . .	Do., . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oxmasroo, . . .	Do., . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—
River Sock, . . .	Downham & Galloway,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Upper Marling Star, . . .	Limerick, . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total charge upon the districts.			—	—	—	15,015 17 5	—

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 2nd May, 1888.

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accordance with the Provisions of the above Acts.

showing the Issues made to 31st March, 1888.

Total Amount advanced, including Interest, to Date of Award.	Portion of Total Advances assigned to Counties by Public Works, or refunded by Drainage Board.	Amount charged on Loans.	Expenditure.			Bridges.
			To the Month, 1887.	For year ended 31st March, 1888.	Total.	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
{ 327,107 1 0 / 2,310 0 0 }	{ 13,986 16 0 }	-	209,972 17 9	25,438 0 8	275,410 18 5	
12,020 0 0	-	-	-	-	-	Ballymore and Kilsmore.
3,648 0 0	-	-	-	-	-	Cash River.
400 0 0	-	-	-	-	-	Fellstown.
982 0 0	-	-	-	-	-	Glacera.
8,000 0 0	-	-	-	-	-	Grangah.
190,000 0 0	-	-	-	-	-	Lough Erne.
13,100 0 0	13,000 0 0	-	-	1,100 12 10	1,100 12 10	Do
7,700 0 0	-	-	-	70 10 7	70 10 7	Nanny River.
1,000 0 0	-	-	-	-	-	Nanny River Upper.
10,680 0 0	-	-	-	-	-	Owenree.
{ 75,000 0 0 / 3,786 1 0 }	-	-	-	-	-	River Suck.
0,950 0 0	-	-	-	250 0 0	250 0 0	Upper Morning Star.
460,773 1 2 / 8,126 1 0						
301,913 2 2	30,986 16 0	-	209,972 17 9	26,538 13 1	276,510 10 10	

/ Issued out of the Church Fund.

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